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Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has written to Wipro founder Azim Premji, requesting Wipro to explore the possibility of allowing limited vehicular movement through its campus to help ease traffic congestion on the Outer Ring Road, Iblur junction. » PAGE 3

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MANGALURU
The Dakshina Kannada district administration has passed an order externing activist Mahesh Shetty Thimarody to Raichur district for one year, acting on a report of the district police.

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Nine electrocuted as rain pounds Kolkata, suburbs

City receives 247.5 mm rainfall over 24 hours; Metro, train and hospital services affected; people killed as they come into contact with live wires on flooded streets; Mamata slams power utility

Shrabana Chatterjee
Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

At least nine people were killed in Kolkata and its suburbs after heavy rain lashed the city on Monday night and the early hours of Tuesday due to a low-pressure area over the northwest Bay of Bengal.

The city received about 247.5 mm rainfall in 24 hours till 6.30 a.m. on Tuesday, leading to waterlogging in several neighbourhoods. Suburban railway and Metro services were disrupted as normal life came to a standstill in the city.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD), however, said that the rainfall in the city could not be classified as a cloudburst.

Water woes: A bus loaded with passengers struggles through a heavily inundated street in Kolkata on Tuesday. DEBASISH BHADURI

"Maximum highest hourly rainfall observed as 98 mm between 03.00 to 04.00 hours IST of 23 September, 2025. As it is less than 100 mm, it does not satisfy the cloudburst criteria," the IMD said, adding that it had issued an orange alert for rainfall over Gangetic West Bengal.

Noting that nine people had died when they came into contact with live wires on waterlogged streets, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee blamed the Calcutta Electric Supply Corporation (CESC) for the tragedy.

She told CESC chairman Sanjiv Goenka that his company was responsible for wires lying unattended.

"The (State) government will come to the aid of families who have died and will ensure that they get jobs. But the Power Department and particularly CESC cannot evade their responsibility. They must pay a minimum compensation of ₹5 lakh to the families of the deceased," the Chief Minister told presspersons.

This is not the first instance of widespread electrocution in Kolkata.

In May 2020, when Supercyclone Ampham ravaged the city, most of the deaths were due to electrocution.

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India, China 'primary funders' of Russian war: Trump at UNGA

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Taking his oft-repeated allegations against India to the floor of the UN General Assembly, U.S. President Donald Trump on Tuesday accused India and China of being "primary funders" of the Russian war in Ukraine.

He also claimed again that he stopped the India-Pakistan conflict in May.

Mr. Trump said he was prepared to impose "very strong tariffs" that would end the purchase of Russian oil but wanted European countries to join in the effort. He said that many NATO countries continued to purchase Russian energy, including gas.

Despite accusations against multiple countries and the fact that China imports more Russian energy than India, the U.S. has singled out India by imposing "penalty tariffs" of 25%, effectively doubling the tariffs on Indian goods.

Donald Trump

"China and India are primary funders of war by continuing to purchase Russian oil," Mr. Trump said in an hour-long speech at the start of the high-level week at the UN. "[It is] inexcusable that even NATO countries have not cut off much Russian energy and Russian energy products," he added.

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HC stays rule capping cinema ticket price at ₹200

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka stayed the new rule capping cinema ticket price at ₹200 (excluding GST) in all theatres and multiplexes across the State.

On Tuesday, Justice Ravi V. Hosmani passed an interim order on the petitions filed by Multiplex Association of India, film production houses Hombale Films, Keystone Entertainment, and VK Films.

The petitioners contended that the government had no power under the Karnataka Cinema (Regulation) Act, 1964, and the rules framed under this law, to restrict or prescribe the price for tickets. The Act was mainly for controlling licencing of cinema theatres, and not for controlling ticket prices.

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No better person than Jayasuriya to guide Sri Lanka cricket

The former captain talks about his journey as Oman's head coach, being the manager of the Sri Lankan team that won the 1996 World Cup, and his regret at getting out on 94 in the second innings of a Lord's Test after a century in the first

INTERVIEW

DULEEP MENDIS

Vivek Krishnan
DUBAI

Among the eminently stylish cricketers that Sri Lanka has produced over the years, Duleep Mendis was an early pioneer. In the 1970s and 80s, when the island nation was making a foray into international cricket, Mendis was a leading figure in some of its noteworthy deeds. He smashed a 57-ball 64 in Sri Lanka's first-ever ODI win, against India in the 1979 World Cup at Manchester.

It was with Mendis as captain that Sri Lanka registered its maiden Test win, also against India, in Colombo in 1985. By then he had already smashed hundreds in both innings of a Test against India in Madras, and narrowly missed the feat at Lord's when he hammered 111 and 94 against England in the summer of 1984.

After retirement, he went on to be manager of the Sri Lankan team that won the 1996 ODI World Cup in the subcontinent, and also served as chief selector in his country. Since 2012, Mendis' wisdom and experience have been expended on guiding Oman as head coach.

In an exclusive interview with *The Hindu* during Oman's maiden Asia Cup campaign, which saw the men from the Middle East run India close in a 21-run defeat, he revealed how the current stint came about, and reminisced about some of his illustrious achievements as a player and manager with the Sri Lankan team. *Excerpts:*

How did your association with Oman cricket begin?

When I finished my stint with Sri Lanka cricket, I was just taking things easy. Pankaj Khimji (chairman of the Oman cricket association) was the one who got in touch with me in Sri Lanka. He inquired whether I could come and help to build Oman cricket.

At that time, I had no clue about the standard of Oman cricket or anything like that. He was insistent that I come and improve the standard. I started on an assignment basis. I did that for almost one-and-a-half years. And then in 2013, I signed on a long-term basis, and then I started living there. So, that is how I started.

Oman gained Associate status in 2014. It has played in three T20 World Cups. It played in the Asia Cup for the first time. What would you say about the progress from where you started to where it is now?

Well, I would start by saying that I was fortunate to work with a cricket board that gave full support and encouragement. I would say there were a few hiccups during this period of time, but on the whole, we were ascending. We were climbing the ladder. As you say, we have participated in a few T20 World Cup tournaments.

We got the ODI status (in 2019), which was a very big thing for Oman. And also we have built the infrastructure. We installed new lights and grandstands at the ground and we have a newly-done indoor facility. It has seven pitches -- two are fast, three are normal and two are slow tracks. The indoor facility is fully air-conditioned.

The infrastructure paved the way for me to go ahead and build the team. As far as performances, there were one or two major ones. We beat Ireland, one of the Test-playing countries, in a 50-over contest in 2023. People then started recognising Oman.

You mentioned that it has been an ascending journey. In terms of the road ahead, obviously there is the T20 World Cup next year in India and Sri Lanka. Any specific targets?

We are playing the T20 World Cup qualifiers in Oman in October. The top three teams will get into the World Cup. And in preparation for that, we have invited Kerala to play against us. We have also played against Karnataka in preparation for previous tournaments. These domestic teams from India are very competitive. When you play and perform against them, you get confidence.

There is a gulf between the Test teams and the Associate nations. You were a key part of Sri Lanka getting Test status in 1982 and climbing the ladder. In your experience, what is the way around the lack of opportunities for Associates and how can they improve?

I have always said that you have to play with better sides if you want to improve. I will always say that the Associate members should get an opportunity with the big boys. Fortunately in Asia, we have five Test-playing countries. The Associates must get the opportunity to play against some of these five teams. If you want to improve, you have to get beaten first. Only then will you learn the lessons. It doesn't have to be their main side. It can be against the 'A' teams.

> T20 cricket is being played all over the world. But at the same time, I would like to see Test cricket as number one. You have to get the correct balance

You donned various hats in Sri Lankan cricket. What was the most fulfilling accomplishment?

Well, the biggest achievement was the team winning the 1996 World Cup when I was manager. Winning the World Cup is the pinnacle. That was the greatest achievement. And then there are a few other Tests that were special. At Chepauk, I got two hundreds in a Test. And then almost repeated that at Lord's.

I would also say registering the first Test win against Kapil Dev's team in Sri Lanka. So those were some of the highlights of my days with Sri Lanka cricket.

In your playing days, you were known for your flamboyant batting and the ability to hit sixes when bats weren't as good. How did you hone these skills?

These things came naturally. But I would say these days, the bats are different. You can see many sixes hit these days. The techniques are also a bit different. But if you talk about me, I would say that it was instinctive. I was always on the attacking side. It was my style as a batsman and even as a captain.

You mentioned missing out on twin hundreds at Lord's. You would have been part of an elusive club if you had done that. Is that a regret?

I must say I regret a lot the fact that I missed those few runs in the second innings. Even then I regretted it after the innings. And I continue to regret it now to be very frank.

You had some great innings against India in your time. What was it about the Indian bowling that you scored a lot of runs in those contests?

I don't know for what reason, but I always had a liking for India. The runs always came against the Indians. It just happened. It was perhaps just a coincidence that whenever I played against India, I scored runs. I was so grateful for that.

What is your take on Sri Lankan cricket right now? It has had its disappointments in recent years. Do you think there are major concerns to sort out?

Before I say anything, I must mention that I have been away from Sri Lankan cricket for almost 12 to 13 years now. But from outside, when I look at the team, I think there are a good bunch of young cricketers with a lot of talent.

They have Sanath Jayasuriya as coach with them. And you cannot get anyone better than Sanath. Because he knows Sri Lankan cricket inside-out. He has performed to the maximum in international cricket. And the boys look up to him. That is very important. Whatever he says, the boys will accept. And you can't get a better person than Sanath to guide them.

It is the right time for Sanath to be there with them. They will go from strength to strength.

What is your view on the state of international cricket? There seem to be concerns about the increasing influence of T20 cricket...

I would say that T20 cricket is quite popular and it is going very strong. There are advantages and drawbacks.

The fielding standards have improved. In Test matches back in the day, we would get about 80 runs in a session and be very happy about it. But now, you see teams going past 100 runs in one session.

You see some entertaining cricket. The negative side is for people who like five days of Test cricket and would like to see a batter building an innings. Or they would like to see a bowler working out a batter and planning a dismissal.

You can look at it from two different angles. Yes, T20 cricket is being played all over the world. But at the same time, I would like to see Test cricket as number one. You have to get the correct balance.

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DIRECTORATE OF CHILD PROTECTION

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Phone No: **080-22867383**, e-mail: **icps.kar@gmail.com**

No:DCP/CP/CWC & JJB-5/2022-23 **Date :** 18.09.2025

NOTIFICATION

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FOR THE SELECTION OF VACANT POSTS OF CHAIR PERSONS / MEMBERS OF CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEES (CWC) IN THE STATE

The applications are invited for the selection of Chairperson and Members of Additional Child Welfare Committee-02 Belagavi District and for **01** vacant post of Child Welfare Committee Member in Bengaluru South District and **02** vacant posts of Child Welfare Committee Member in Kodagu District as per Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and Rule 15 (3) of the Model Rules, 2016. The Chair Person/Members of Child Welfare Committee shall be paid Rs.2000/- per sitting. This honorarium includes sitting allowances, travel allowances and any other allowances as the State Government may prescribe.

The eligibility criteria for the above-mentioned vacancies are given below:

Name of the position	Tenure	Eligibility Criteria and Age specification
Chair Person / Member of the Child Welfare	3 years	As per Section 27 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 & Rule 15(3) of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Model Rules, 2016. "The candidate shall be above the age of **35 years** and not more than **65 years** and shall have a degree in child psychology or psychiatry or law or social work or sociology or human health or education or human development or special education for differently abled children and has been actively involved in health, education or welfare activities pertaining to children for **07 years.** Or A practicing professional with a degree in child psychology or psychiatry or law or social work or sociology or human health or education or human development or special education for differently abled children.

The applications will be accepted w. e. f. **23-09-2025 to 17-10-2025** Applicants may send their applications in the prescribed format personally or by registered post on or before **17-10-2025 by 5:30 pm** to the Director, Directorate of Child Protection, V.V Tower, 3rd Floor, Bengaluru-560001. For more information, contact the Directorate's telephone number: **080-22879382 / 83** or Project Director: **9342585300** and the District Child Protection Officers of the respective districts. For DCPU office address, telephone number, please refer to the website **www.icps.karnataka.gov.in**

Note: 1) The prescribed application form for Child Welfare Committee is available in concerned District Child Protection Unit and also available in Directorate of Child Protection website: **www.icps.karnataka.gov.in** 2) The applicants must submit the Form-49 certificate as per the Model Rule 2016, Rule 15 (4-A) along with application compulsory. **3)** Incomplete applications or those applications are received after due date shall not be considered. **4)** The Director, Directorate of Child Protection and Member Secretary, State Level Selection Committee reserve the right to reject any or all applications without assigning any reason. **5)** Short listed applicants' information will be published in the Directorate website **www.icps.karnataka.gov.in** Information will also be sent to the mobile number of the candidate mentioned in the application form. **6)** The Directorate of Child Protection is not responsible for any information published by any other private web portal/carrier portal or any other media.

Sd/- Director
DIPR/CP/2945/SA/2025-26 Directorate of Child Protection & Member Secretary, State Level Selection Committee

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Government of Karnataka

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL, PRISONS AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

No.4, Seshadri Road, Bangalore-560009,
Phone: 080-22262263, E-mail: phq.prisons-kar@gov.in

Tender Notification (Through the e-procurement portal)

The Director General, Prisons and Correctional Services, Bangalore invited the following tenders for Supply of Khaki Uniform and Leather Shoes for Executive Stafff as under.

	Tender No. and Date	approx. Tender value
1	PCSD/2025-26/IND0240, Dt. 17.09.2025	Rs.106.87 Lakhs

The information of Pre-bid meeting, last date and time for tender submission and other details can be obtained at e-procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** For more information, please contact the above office.

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Director General
Prisons and Correctional services
Karnataka State

DIPR/CP/2940/SSC/2025-26

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, NAGESH P, S/o. Patalappa, R/at 104/4, Kannur, Bang – 562149 have changed my name from NAGESHA P to NAGESH P for all my future purposes through affidavit 22–09–2025 sworn before notary Udaykumar.K.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RATHNA ESWAR / RATNA** (Existing Name of spouse as per Service Records), spouse of **L EKAMBARESWARAIAH** (Name of husband), Resident of # 40, 'Rathna Nilayam', 7th 'A' Main, 1st Cross, Munnekolala, Marathahalli Post, Bangalore-560037, Karnataka (Address), have changed my Name from **RATHNA ESWAR / RATNA** (Existing Name of spouse as per Service Records) to **L RATHNA** (Proposed / adopted New Name), vide Affidavit dated: 22.09.2025 (date of the Affidavit) at **Bangalore** (Place) and my correct date of **Birth is 04.04.1965.**

TENDERS

KONERU LAKSHMAIAH EDUCATION FOUNDATION
(Deemed To Be University)
Green Fields, Vaddeswaram, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh- 522302

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed/ Online tenders are invited for the supply, installation and commissioning **AICTE IDEA Lab** at our Institute

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Deadline: 24th September, 2025

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF VI ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU
O.S No. 2370 of 2023

BETWEEN : BYREGOWDA Son of Late Sri Narayanappa Aged about 56 years Residing at No.289, Byatarayanapura, Bangalore-560 092.
...Plaintiff

AND : 1. RAMESH B G Son of Sri Gopalaswamy Aged about 56 years Residing at No.45, 1st Main Road, 2nd Cross, Shabharinagar, Byatara yanapura, Bangalore-560 092
2. RAMACHANDRAPPA Son of Sri Kallappa Aged about 57 years Residing at Melur Village, Bhaktarahalli Road, Melur Post, Shidlaghatta Taluk, Chikkabalapur District-562102
...Defendants

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT NO.2 UNDER ORDER V RULE OF 20 OF THE CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, 1908

RAMACHANDRAPPA S/o. Sri. Kallappa Aged about 57 years Residing at: Mellur Village, Bhaktarahalli Road, Melur post, Shidlaghatta Taluk, Chikkabalapur-562102

Whereas the Plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit seeking declaration of title and for other consequential reliefs in respect of the schedule Property. You are hereby summoned to appear before this Court in person or through pleader on **05.11.2025 at 11.00 a.m.** to answer to the same failing which the suit will be disposed off ex-parte.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of residential vacant site bearing No. 9, BBMP Khata No.1065/105/1,2,3/9 formed in Sy. No.105/1. 2 & 3, situated at Byatarayanapura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West 43 feet and North to South 40 feet and bounded on:
East by : Site No.08, **West by :** 25 feet Road; **North by :** Site No. 10, **South by :** Site No. 9/1
Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, this 18th day of September 2025.

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Senior Sheristedar
City Civil Court, Bengaluru

ADVOCATE FOR THE PLAINTIFF
Pradeep C Yadav
No.45/11, Level-2, North Park Road, Kumara Park East, Bangalore-560 001
Ph: 9986294182

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Office of the Executive Engineer,
Public Works Department Division Koppal.
Ph. : 08539 - 222318, E-mail : eepwdkpl2@gmail.com

IFT No. : P.W.D./D.K./T.R./KW - 4/2025-26/2212
Date : 22-09-2025

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)

The Executive Engineer, Public Works Department Division Koppal invites tenders from the eligible tenderers as per **Standard Bid Documents KW - 4** on **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Portal Head of Account : 8443-Deposit Contribution/ 2024-25. Two Cover Tender Procedure as per Rule 28 of the KTPP Act shall be followed. For more information the contractor can contact the under Signed During Office hours on **Phone No. : 08539 - 222318** and all informations regarding tenders can be had from **Website : http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

1 Work - Work Indent No: 21474/Call-3, Last Date & Time for Receipt of Tenders 06-10-2025 Time 16.00, Date and Time for Opening of Technical Bid 08-10-2025 Time : 16.30 and Date and Time for Opening of Financial Bid : 13-10-2025 Time 11.00. Estimate Amount of Rs. 999.50 Lakhs.

The Tender Documents can be Downloaded from the above Website Address, EMD, Date & Time for Pre-Bid Meeting, Tender Queries / Clarification & Other information as mentioned in K.P.P.P. Portal. Any changes either in Tender Date or any other Condition Tenderers can view in K.P.P.P. Portal.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
P.W.D., Division, Koppal.

DIPR/Koppal/362/Manipal/2025-26

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Sri. LOKESH SB S/o Savandaiah S** Aged 50 years R/at Sy.No. 132, "Savandeshwara Estate" Bengaluru-Mangaluru Highway, Solur Village, Solur Hobli, Magadi Taluk, Bengaluru South District 562127 intend to purchase the Schedule Property from **Smt. MALLIKA DEVAMMA wife of Nagesh** The seller became owner of the Schedule Property by virtue of getting Khata bearing no. 258 and MR No. H26/2017-18 reflecting the same. Any person/s, legal heirs, Trusts, Societies, Institutions, Academic Groups, Associations, Firms Companies, Corporate or any other claiming to have any charge lien, interest encumbrances, lease claim or demand of anyway of sale, transfer, memorandum of understanding, assignment, possession, succession, rights whatsoever the Schedule Properties, may lodge their claim with the undersigned with original documentary proof within **5 days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, our clients will treat that there are no objections or claims in respect of the Schedule Properties. No claims will be entertained thereafter and our clients will proceed with the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of agricultural dryland bearing Survey No.133/2 measuring 0.24.00.00 (Twenty Four Guntas)situatedat Solur Village, Solur Hobli, Magadi Taluk, Bengaluru South District (Previously Ramanagara District) and bounded as follows:
East by : Sy.No. 132
West by : Road and Land belonging to Jayaramu
North by : Sy.No. 133/1
South by: Sy.No. 133/3

Smt: MYTHRI I.E., Advocate
No.14, 4th Floor, No.409, HM Geneva House, Cunningham Road, Bengaluru 560052.
Contact No: 8880004403 /9900577088

Office of the District Surgeon, District Hospital

Ramanagara, Bengaluru South District -562159, Phone: **080-29913667,** email: **dsramanagaram@gmail.com**

No.:DHR/PAPER NOTIFICATION/01/2025-26 Date: 22.09.2025

Short Term Re-Tender Notification

District Hospital Ramanagara is inviting Short Term Re-Tender through KTPP **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from qualified organizations for the Supply of Drug and Chemicals required for the year 2025-26.The details of tender process are given below and for further any details can be contact us during office hours.

Sl. No.	Details	RADIOLOGY UNIT TENDER No: DHFWS/ 2025-26/IND1745/ CALL-2	IPHL UNIT TENDER No: DHFWS/2025-26/ IND1746/CALL-2	LIFT TENDER No. DHFWS/ 2025-26/ SE1656/CALL-2
1	Downloading of Tender Documents from online	Date: 22.09.2025	Date: 22.09.2025	Date: 22.09.2025
2	Pre Bid meeting	Date: 24.09.2025 Time : 11.00 am	Date: 24.09.2025 Time : 11.45 am	Date: 24.09.2025 Time : 3.00 pm
3	Last date for uploading/ applying tender on online	Date: 29.09.2025 Time : 5.00 pm	Date: 29.09.2025 Time : 5.00 pm	Date: 29.09.2025 Time : 5.00 pm
4	Sample Submission	Date: 29.09.2025 Time : 5.00 pm	Date: 29.09.2025 Time : 5.00 pm	—
5	Opening of Technical Bid	Date: 30.09.2025 Time : 05.30 pm	Date: 30.09.2025 Time : 05.15 pm	Date: 30.09.2025 Time : 05.00 pm
6	Opening of Financial Bid	Date: 03.10.2025 Time : 11.00 am	Date: 03.10.2025 Time : 11.00 am	Date: 03.10.2025 Time : 11.00 am
7	Approximate Tender value	Rs. 50.00 Lakh	Rs. 95.00 Lakh	Rs. 15.00 Lakh
8	EMD	Rs.1,25,000 (2.5%)	Rs.1,90,000(2%)	Rs.37,500(2.5%)

DIPR/BSD/355/SA/2025-26 Sd/- **District Surgeon**, District Hospital, Ramanagara

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KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

(BELLARY THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through E-Procurement Portal Only)

Tenders are invited through e-Procurement Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for the following works:

1) No. KPCL/2025-26/PS/WORK_INDENT3466 Dated: 10.09.2025 for "Decommissioning of Cross Belt Analyser (CBA), Extraction and one time disposal of Cf-252 and Cs-137 source which is fixed in Online Coal Analyser, installed on BCN-3 of CHP-1&2 at BTPS". **Last date for receipt of tender :** 29.09.2025. **EMD:** Rs.50,000/-. Further details can be had from the Assistant General Manager (Chemical) Fuel Management, BTPS, Kudathini-583152, Ballari District, Mobile No.: 9480682534 / 9448282647.

2) No: KPCL/2025-26/PS/WORK_INDENT3262/CALL-2 Date: 17.09.2025 for Providing and commissioning of 1 no. Hydraulic Excavator for CHP works. **Total Tender Amount (Exclusive of GST):** Rs.33,26,568/-. **EMD:** Rs.66,550/-. **Last date for submission of bids:** 30.09.2025 up to 17:00 Hrs. Further details can be had from the office of the Executive Engineer (CHP) Mechanical-2, BTPS, KPCL, Kudathini 583152, Ballari District, Contact Mobile Number +919448290755.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: EEE/PND/AEE-SD-2/AE-SD-3/2025-26/2019-20 Date: 17.09.2025

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

It is hereby notified for the information to the General Public that, the KPTCL has laid the 220kV, 1200sqmm Single Core XLPE UG Cable LILO line from the existing 220kV Peenya-Singarpete (Subramanyapura) Line to proposed 220/66/11kV Nagarbhavi sub-station for the route Length of 2.475Kms.

The said 220kV UG Cable passes from proposed 220/66/11kV Nagarbhavi station near Sri Male Mahadeshwara Temple, Service Road of Outer Ring Road, Nammura Thindi Circle upto Cable Terminating Tower (CTT) installed at BBMP Park near Sri Kailasnatha Swamy Temple in Govindarajnagar Constituency. **The said 220kV UG cable line will be energized on or after 25.09.2025.**

Hence the General public /State Government /Private Organization are hereby informed to keep away from the above said EHT UG cable route and not to undertake any excavation in the above UG cable route.

Any untoward incidents or accidents which may occur during the course of excavation/executing work by anybody/agency along the cable route without following guidelines, **the KPTCL will not be held responsible** and damage charges for the KPTCL assets shall be Bourne by the executing body/agency only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Ele),
Projects North Division, KPTCL
A.R. Circle, Bengaluru - 560009.

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

(RAICHUR THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

ABSTRACT TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-procurement portal only)

Tenders are invited for the following works through e-procurement portal **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in:**

(1) KPCL/2025-26/PS/WORK_INDENT3472, Date: 11.09.2025. Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract of 04 Nos. continuous stack emission monitoring system (SOX NOX Analyzers & CO Analyzers) installed at RTPS Units-5 to 8, for a period of One Year. EMD: **Rs. 36,000/-.** (2) KPCL/2025-26/PS/WORK_INDENT3496, Date: 17.09.2025. RTPS-Modification of LOP pipe Line and Suction Tank in Unit 3 and 4 Mill area. EMD: **Rs. 45,240/-.** (3) KPCL/2025-26/PS/WORK_INDENT3493, Date: 17.09.2025. RTPS-Strengthening of Unit-2 Mill Platform. EMD: **Rs. 45,240/-.** (4) KPCL/2025-26/PS/WORK_INDENT3250/CALL-3, Date: 17.09.2025. RTPS-RTPS-Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of one number of submersible pump at settling tank. EMD: **Rs. 89,225/-.** (5) KPCL/2025-26/EL/WORK_INDENT3489, Date: 16.09.2025. Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of ESP HVRTs for Unit-5 to 8. EMD: **Rs. 33,500/-(Exclusive of GST).** Last date for submission of completed bids: **30.09.2025, 17.30 Hrs** for Sl.No. (1), **03.10.2025, 16.00 Hrs** for Sl.No. (2) & (3), **03.10.2025, 17.00 Hrs** for Sl.No. (4) & **30.09.2025, 16.30 Hrs** for Sl.No. (5). Further details can be had from the **Executive Engineer(I&C)OLA-2, M: 9449596558** for Sl.No. (1), **Executive Engineer(MM-1), M: 9449596545** for Sl.No. (2) & (3), **Executive Engineer(CAM-1)** for Sl.No. (4), **and Executive Engineer(LT-2), Mobile No.: 9449596531,** for Sl.No. (5), **RTPS,** KPCL, Shaktinagar-584170, Dist: Raichur,

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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. CEE/Tr(Op)ZM/SEE(O)/AEE-4/24-25/5072 & 5073 Date:20.09.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through KPP Portal Only)

KPTCL invites for the following tenders against Bid Enquiry Nos:

1) KPTCL/CEE/TZM/SEE(O)/AEE-4/2025-26/769 Dtd:16.09.2025 for "Design, Manufacture, Testing and supply of 66kV Potential Transformers with Terminal Connectors, Marshalling Box required for various sub-stations coming under Transmission (Operations) Zone, KPTCL, Mysuru".

2)KPTCL/CEE/TZM/SEE(O)/AEE-4/2025-26/770 Dtd:16.09.2025 for "Design, Manufacture, Testing and Supply of Control Cables of the sizes 4CoreX2.5Sqmm, 4CoreX4Sqmm, 4CoreX6Sqmm required for various sub-stations coming under Transmission (Operations) Zone, Mysuru, conforming to Technical Specifications. F.O.R.D at Store basis, including insurance, transportation and unloading".

The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The detailed Notification regarding subject enquiry in the E-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 23.09.2025.** Any other details can be had from the **Office of the under sign**

Sd/- Chief Engineer, (Ele.)
Transmission(Operations) Zone, KPTCL,
Prasarana Bhavana, FTS Compound,
N.R. Mohalla, Mysuru-570 007.

H-1B visa: Higher education aspirants reconsidering plans

Education consultants across Bengaluru say that places like Germany, Canada, and others have come up as strong alternatives largely because they offer more certainty and affordability compared to the American system

Rishita Khanna
BENGALURU

After recent policy changes announced by the United States (U.S.), including a steep $100,000 fee for new H-1B visas, many higher education aspirants in Bengaluru are beginning to rethink their plans.

While the U.S. remains the first choice for most, the new fee hike, along with waiting time for permanent residency, has made their long-term prospects uncertain, compelling students to explore alternatives with places such as Germany, Canada, Finland and Ireland, reporting high demands.

This scenario presents an opportunity for India. By retaining skilled talent within the country, companies can strengthen local research and development and boost initiatives under the Make in India programme. FILE PHOTO

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Education consultants across Bengaluru told *The Hindu* that these places have come up as strong alternatives largely because they offer more certainty and affordability compared to the American system, which, while it remains unmatched in terms of salary, relies on the H-1B visa lottery, leaving graduates with no guarantee of securing work even after completing an expensive degree.

A consultant from upGrad explained that a major factor driving this shift is the pathway to permanent residency (PR). "Canada has a transparent Express Entry system and post-study work permits that make it easier for students and skilled workers to transition into permanent residents within a few years. Germany, too, offers a Blue Card scheme and job-seeker visas, with the possibility of securing PR after four to five years of steady employment. In contrast, the U.S. Green Card process is notoriously slow, with Indian applicants often waiting over a decade due to visa backlogs," the upGrad consultant added.

"The cost of education is another consideration. American universities often charge between ₹40 lakh and ₹60 lakh for a master's programme, not including living expenses, making them unaffordable for many families. Canadian universities are comparatively cheaper, and German public universities charge little to no tuition fees, apart from nominal semester contributions," a consultant from Yocket Study Abroad said, adding that this makes Europe, particularly Germany, a financially viable option for middle-class families.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, many students mentioned that Canada and Germany, by comparison, have straightforward visa systems without lotteries and that international students in these countries are more assured of post-study work rights, which makes planning a career far less risky. "Many of my seniors prioritised the U.S. for its salaries and global prestige, but they later warned that immigration insecurity, alongside high living costs, expensive healthcare, often deters applicants who prioritise stability. Our batch was warned by several counsellors that the work opportunities during and after studies differ sharply and hence, I was keeping Germany as a top choice," Kamal J., a student, said.

Germany allows part-time work during studies and offers an 18-month job-seeker visa after graduation. Even in Canada, international students can easily take up part-time jobs and are eligible for post-graduation work permits lasting up to three years. In the U.S., students are restricted to limited on-campus work during their courses, and their post-study work authorisation (OPT) is temporary, he added.

Could lead to layoffs

Shreya Krishna, another student, mentioned that these changes could compound existing challenges in the tech sector. With fewer employees able to move onsite in the U.S., companies could face a loss of revenue from client deployments, which would in turn affect margins and overall profits. To adapt, firms may increasingly turn to automation and AI-driven solutions, a shift that could lead to further layoffs.

On the flip side, this scenario also presents an opportunity for India. By retaining skilled talent within the country, companies can strengthen local research and development and boost initiatives under the Make in India programme. In this context, it becomes more critical than ever for employees to improve, to ensure that they remain valuable contributors in an evolving, tech-driven landscape, industry sources said.

59,724 seats remain vacant in professional courses in State this year; up from 51,105 last year

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

After the conclusion of final rounds of counselling for CET-2025 and COMED-K-2025 this year, 59,724 seats in professional courses, including 33,568 engineering seats, remain vacant this year. This is higher compared to last year, when 51,105 seats remained vacant after counselling.

A total of 1,51,593 seats were available for professional courses under the government quota this year. Of these, only 1,10,447 seats were filled by the Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA), leaving 41,146 seats vacant.

On top of this, 18,578 seats lie vacant in COMED-K, totalling 59,724 vacant seats in professional courses.

Of the total 84,206 seats available in engineering courses under CET-2025, 69,216 seats have been filled, and 14,990 seats remain vacant.

Meanwhile, of the 26,000 engineering seats available in engineering colleges under COMEDK, only 7,422 seats have been filled, leaving a total of 18,578 seats vacant.

Among the remaining seats, the nursing course makes the most of vacant lying seats. Of the total 32,218 nursing seats available, only 12,386 seats have been filled, leaving 19,832 seats vacant.

Of the 3,953 seats available in BSc Allied Health Science course, 1,976 seats have been filled and 1,977 seats remain vacant. However, all seats in Food Science, BSc (Agriculture), Veterinary Science (BVSc), and Sericulture courses have been filled.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, H. Prasanna, Executive Director, KEA, said, "Apart from medical courses, the counselling process for other professional courses, including engineering, has already been completed, and the remaining seats have been returned to the respective college managements. The responsibility of filling the vacant seats in government engineering colleges has been given to the principals of the respective colleges."

Seats returned to private college managements will be converted into management quota seats.

UG NEET: 2nd round results announced

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) has announced the final results of the second round of seat allotment for medical and dental undergraduate courses, and the third round for AYUSH courses. In total, 18,867 seats have been allotted so far, according to KEA Executive Director H. Prasanna.

Taking into account both rounds, 9,958 seats have been allotted for medical courses, 2,658 seats for dental courses, and 6,257 seats for AYUSH courses, Mr. Prasanna said in a statement.

As per the statement, after this stage of allotment, 158 seats remain vacant in medical courses, 50 seats in dental, and 6,251 seats in AYUSH.

Candidates who have been allotted seats in this round can pay the fees by September 26 and must report to their colleges by September 28, the statement added.

BMRCL directs officials to clear debris immediately after metro work to ease traffic flow

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a bid to ease traffic congestion and ensure public safety, the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (BMRCL) has issued a circular directing contractors and supervisors to immediately clear debris and junk after completion of metro construction work.

The move comes after complaints that leftover construction materials and barricades near metro work sites were obstructing smooth traffic movement across the city.

'Remove all waste'

According to the circular, all waste, leftover materials, temporary barricades, and other debris must be removed as soon as the work is completed. Contractors and project supervisors have been instructed to ensure that road carriageways and footpaths are restored to their original width and condition without delay. Site engineers and inspectors will monitor the clearance process and certify that the roads have been restored properly.

The guidelines specify that roads should be free of obstructions, with proper pavement levels, drainage, and signage in place to prevent waterlogging and ensure safety.

Any potholes identified during construction are to be rectified immediately. Debris on medians or beneath viaducts must be cleared without delay, the circular said.

BMRCL has emphasised that traffic management during both construction and clearance is critical. Cones, barricades, and signage must be placed during work and removed immediately after completion.

Wherever diversions are required, prior intimation should be given to traffic police, and work should preferably be carried out during non-peak hours to minimise disruption, the circular mentioned.

Exceptions

The circular provides for exceptions in cases of unavoidable delays due to weather or resource shortages, but contractors must seek written approval with clear timelines for restoration in such situations.

The new directive takes effect immediately from September 20 and will be strictly enforced through inspections by engineers-in-charge.

Gas distribution facility to be developed at Bengaluru Airport City

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bengaluru Airport City Ltd. (BACL) has signed an agreement with GAIL Gas Ltd. to develop a City Gas Distribution (CGD) facility at Bengaluru Airport City.

The proposed facility will include a Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) station and associated infrastructure, Piped Natural Gas (PNG) installations, and other clean energy solutions.

Along with fuel services, the station will feature non-fuel retail and convenience offerings for the wider public.

'Tranformative step'

BACL said that by facilitating CNG infrastructure for taxis, buses, logistics fleets, and last-mile connectivity vehicles at and around Kempegowda International Airport (KIA), the project will position Bengaluru Airport City as a showcase for integrating sustainable energy solutions into urban and commercial hubs.

Representatives of the BACL and GAIL Gas Ltd. at the agreement signing in Bengaluru on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The proposed facility will include a CNG station and associated infrastructure, PNG installations, and other clean energy solutions

Rao Munukutla, executive director & CEO of BACL, said, "The upcoming City Gas Distribution facility of GAIL Gas in Bengaluru Airport City marks a transformative step in advancing India's clean energy transition. To be established within our airport city that has achieved the prestigious IGBC Green Cities Platinum Rating, this development reinforces our position as a leader in sustainable urban innovation. Together, we are not just building infrastructure, we are fostering a sustainable energy and mobility ecosystem that will set new benchmarks for green development across the airport ecosystem and beyond."

Goutom Chakraborty, CEO, GAIL Gas Ltd., said, "Our company continues to lead the way in promoting the adoption of environmentally friendly and cost-effective natural gas. The establishment of the CNG station within Bengaluru Airport City will benefit thousands of vehicles, providing convenient access to CNG refuelling for commuters travelling to and from the airport. GAIL Gas remains committed to make Bengaluru a cleaner and greener city with its continued efforts."

KIA issues passenger advisory

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) has issued an advisory asking passengers to plan their travel to the airport to allow sufficient time for security check.

'Expecting a surge'

"We are expecting a surge in passenger volume during the festive season. Owing to the high security measures in September and October, there may be delays in passenger processing at the airport. Passengers are advised to plan their travel to the airport to allow sufficient time for security check," the advisory issued by KIA on Tuesday said.

The advisory asked the passengers to get in touch with their respective airlines for further information.

Man arrested for killing father

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bagalagunte police have arrested a 22-year-old man on charges of murdering his father at their house on September 3.

The accused has been identified as Abhishek. The victim, identified as Manjunath, 53, was found dead at his house on September 3. Abhishek, along with his elder brother, Manoj, and his friend, Praveen Reddy, has been accused of conspiring and killing Manjunath and staging it as a suicide. The police earlier arrested Praveen Reddy on charges of helping Manoj and Abhishek.

The arrests were made after an autopsy revealed that the death was due to strangulation. However, the prime suspect Manoj, is still at large.

The police while checking his call records, stumbled upon Praveen Reddy who was constantly in touch with Manoj before and after the murder.

During interrogation, Praveen Reddy reportedly confessed to the murder and revealed the name of Abhishek, younger son of Manjunath.

The trio had allegedly hatched the murder plan at a bar and decided that Manoj and Praveen should execute the murder, while Abhishek had to create an alibi.

As per the plan, Abhishek accompanied his mother for a check-up, leaving Manjunath alone at home. Taking advantage of the situation, Manoj and Praveen barged into the house, overpowered Manjunath, allegedly strangled him, and created a scene that his father had ended his life, police said.

Community mural art on 'redefining success' unveiled at K.R. Puram

Shilpa Elizabeth
BENGALURU

Dream-a-Dream, a non-profit organisation for children's education, in collaboration with the Aravani Art Project, a trans-women and cis-women-led art collective, have unveiled a public art mural at K.R. Puram in Bengaluru.

Located on Basavanapura Main Road, the mural was facilitated through art workshops with 27 young people from the non-profit's centre in K.R. Puram.

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Redefining success

The artwork is a part of the organisation's 'Redefining Success' campaign, which explores what 'success' means to young people from marginalised backgrounds and how the existing systems categorise individuals into conventional narratives of success and failure. The workshops involved detailed conversations with such youngsters, and the mural depicts stories from their lives.

"Our intention with this campaign was to create a space where young people are able to reflect on what success means to them in their context," said Suchetha Bhat, CEO, Dream a Dream.

Nuanced take

"We wanted to inspire a more nuanced, compassionate understanding that recognises the diverse paths and struggles that constitute success for them, empowering them to embrace their unique strengths and move beyond standardised measures of success to enable a thriving life for all. The five-wall mural at K.R. Puram is a vibrant expression of these collective insights," she added.

Poornima Sukumar, founder and director, Aravani Art Project, remarked that the mural is a vibrant 'dream landscape' and a reflection of the personal journeys of the youngsters who created it. "The design process has been entirely collaborative, with the young people shaping the themes, colors, and imagery, while our team facilitated the artistic execution," she said.

Contract killer held

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bagalagunte police arrested a 40-year-old suspected contract killer before he could execute a hit on a textile merchant, on Thursday last. The accused, identified as Vinod Kumar Jaat, was tracked down after he called his supposed target, Nemaram, to warn him that he would be killed.

Based on a complaint, the police tracked down Vinod from his native Pali district in Rajasthan. The police later arrested Venaram, who had reportedly given ₹5 lakh 'supari' to Vinod in order to eliminate Nemaram.

A detailed probe revealed that both Nemaram and Venaram were businessmen having textile and readymade apparel shops next to each other on Bagalagunte Main Road. While Nemaram's business was reportedly flourishing, Venaram suffered losses.

According to the police, Nemaram hired a number of staff from Venaram's shop, offering them more salary. Following this, Venaram allegedly hired Vinod, a habitual offender, to kill Nemaram.

Earlier, Vinod allegedly attempted to attack Nemaram in a seperate incident. Nemaram managed to escape; however, he did not realise that he was being targeted.

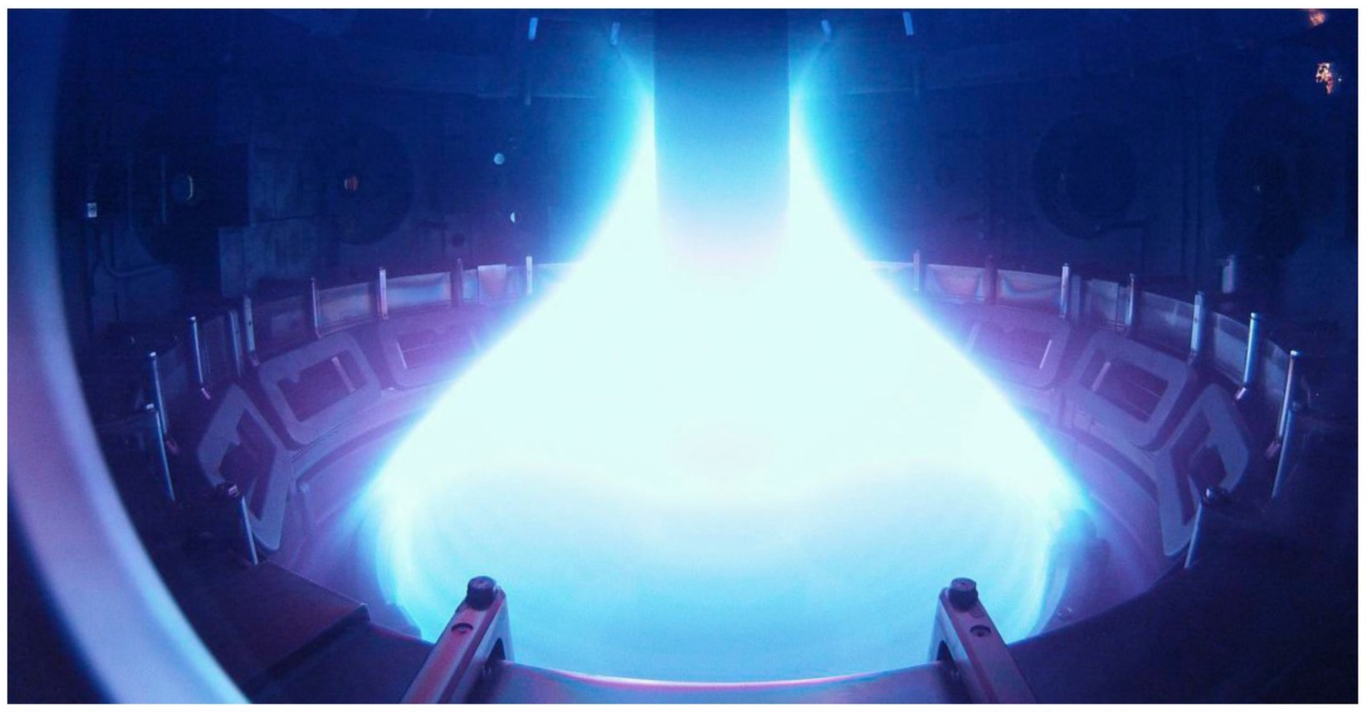
Vinod was waiting for the opportunity to attack Nemaram and on September 17, Vinod reportedly got drunk and called Nemaram to inform the latter that he is going to be killed in a few days. Alerted by this, Nemaram complained to the police, who swung into action and arrested the accused.

Vinod has multiple criminal cases pending against him, police said.

IPR Gandhinagar proposes roadmap for India's fusion power plans

Controlled fusion can only happen in extreme conditions, the kind that exists inside stars; there are currently two popular ways to achieve this: inertial confinement and magnetic confinement. India is already invested in the magnetic confinement technique as a member of the ITER project, which is building a reactor in France

Unnati Ashar



This photograph shows bright plasma glowing inside the reactor vessel of the Mega Ampere Spherical Tokamak in Culham, UK. EYE STEEL FILM (CC BY)

Researchers at the Institute for Plasma Research (IPR) in Gandhinagar have laid out a roadmap for India to achieve fusion power.

They envisage developing India's first fusion electricity generator, called the Steady-state Superconducting Tokamak-Bharat (SST-Bharat), with a power output 5x the input. According to the team, it will be a fusion-fission hybrid reactor with 100 MW of the total 130 MW provided by fission. The estimated construction cost is ₹25,000 crore.

The team ultimately aims to commission a full-scale demonstration reactor by 2060 with an ambitious output-to-input power ratio of 20 and to generate 250 MW.

Fission to fusion

"Fusion is the process where two small, light atoms come together to form a bigger, heavier atom. When this happens, a huge amount of energy is released," Daniel Raju, Dean of academics and student affairs at IPR and lead author of the new study, said.

Nuclear fusion is the reason stars exist and produce heat and light.

For decades, fission reactors have provided the backbone for nuclear power. Fusion, however, is more attractive than fission because it produces less radioactive waste, eliminating many (but not all) of the costs and headaches of storing hazardous material.

Controlled fusion can only happen in extreme physical conditions, the kinds that exist in the belly of a star. There are currently two popular ways to achieve this: inertial confinement and magnetic confinement. Inertial confinement uses powerful lasers to blast a capsule with X-rays to initiate fusion. Magnetic confinement works by recreating some of the conditions inside stars.

India is already invested in magnetic confinement as a member of the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER) project, which is building a large reactor in France. In this method, scientists heat plasma to 100 million degrees C, then gently guide the nuclei with magnetic fields until they fuse. To compare, temperatures in the sun's core reach 15 million degrees C.

Maintaining the plasma

The ratio of the output power to the input, called the Q value, determines efficiency.

"We need Q to be much greater than 1, meaning the reactor gives us more energy than we use to run it. Right now, the best result has come from the Joint European Torus in the U.K., which got about 0.67, that is, 67% of the energy back," Raju said.

ITER aims to achieve a Q of 10. Future fusion power plants are expected to achieve a value of 20 to be commercially feasible.The doughnut-shaped reactor vessel in which fusion happens is called a tokamak. Its success is measured by how long it can hold the plasma together without dissipating.

"The longer we can hold it, the closer we get to continuous and reliable fusion reactions," Raju said.

In February 2025, the WEST tokamak in France maintained plasma for a record 22 minutes. The current state-of-the-art facility in India is the SST-1 tokamak at IPR. According to Raju, "It has managed to produce plasma for about 650 milliseconds, and it is designed to go up to 16 minutes."

SST-1 is a research machine and not meant to generate electricity. SST-Bharat is presented as the next step beyond this experimental base.

Digital twinning

To strengthen the new roadmap, the researchers have proposed digital twins – virtual replicas of physical systems that mimic real-time conditions inside a tokamak. This would allow scientists to test new designs and troubleshoot before building them physically. They also suggest machine learning-assisted plasma confinement and programmes to develop radiation-resistant materials. These innovations are still at an early stage, but the roadmap argues they are critical to making progress.

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Globally, however, timelines remain uncertain. The U.K.'s STEP programme aims for a prototype fusion plant by 2040. Several U.S. private firms claim they will demonstrate grid-connected fusion as early as the 2030s. China's EAST tokamak has already set records for plasma duration. India's target of 2060 places it on a longer path – one that may be less competitive but more cautious.

Funding and policy are crucial. While the EU and U.S. are investing billions of dollars in fusion R&D and private start-ups, India's budgets remain modest and almost entirely public-sector driven. The absence of Indian private-sector engagement stands out when compared with the global boom in fusion start-ups. Within India's wider energy policy, fusion also competes with pressing commitments: net zero by 2070, major expansions in solar and wind, and a long-standing nuclear fission programme.

Rough terrain

M.V. Ramana, Simons Chair in Disarmament, Global and Human Security at the University of British Columbia, also struck a note of caution on the prospects for fusion.

"Timelines in nuclear fusion are realistic and often not achievable," Mr. Ramana emphasised.

He also pointed out that the economic viability of fusion power is unproven: "The unstated assumption is that electrical power from this process will be affordable at some future date. There is no reason to expect that to be the case."

Raju himself acknowledged the cost challenge: "The economic viability of fusion energy will certainly face a huge challenge while competing with fission and other energy sources due to costs in R&D, construction, and operations."

Even if commercial viability remains elusive, the researchers argued that fusion R&D will produce dividends in other areas, including radiation-hardened materials, superconducting magnets, plasma modelling, and high-temperature engineering. These capabilities have strategic value, potentially upgrading Indian industry and strengthening technological autonomy. Partnerships with ITER and global firms may also spark innovation and bring project management expertise into Indian labs.

"Since its [commercial viability hasn't been demonstrated so far], we are aware that it would be difficult to push it as a potential source of energy in the near future," Raju said. "Since a lot of private [entities], start-ups, and government bodies across the world are jumping into fusion energy, it makes sense for us to go with optimism and align our domestic fusion programmes with the world."

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THE GIST

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BIG SHOT

Employees collect goji berries amidst a complex of solar panels at Ningxia Baofeng's agri-solar installation outside Yinchuan, in China. The installation is part of a network across northern and western China that uses the bulk and shade of solar panels to stop and reverse the spread of deserts. REUTERS

QUESTION CORNER

Coughing either way

Vasudevan Mukunth

The key to distinguishing between the causes lies in specific symptoms. TOWFIQU BARBHUIYA

Q: How can an allergic reaction in the throat feel like a throat infection?

A: An allergic reaction in the throat can feel remarkably similar to a throat infection because both conditions involve inflammation of the same tissues, and inflammation tends to produce a narrow range of sensations.

When allergens such as pollen, dust or certain foods enter the body, the immune system responds by releasing histamine and other chemical mediators. These substances increase blood flow and cause swelling in the mucous membranes of the throat. The result is a sense of tightness, an itch-like feeling, and/or soreness and is often accompanied by an urge to clear the throat. Postnasal drip, which frequently accompanies allergic responses, can add to the irritation.

On the other hand, infections arise when viruses or bacteria directly invade throat tissues. The immune system mobilises white blood cells to fight the pathogens, producing redness, swelling, and pain. In this case, the discomfort may be worse, particularly when swallowing, and is often accompanied by other signs of systemic illness such as fever, body ache, and fatigue. Bacterial infections like strep throat can also produce visible white patches or pus on the tonsils; these features are absent in allergies.

Despite these differences, the overlap in symptoms can be confusing. Both conditions activate nerve endings in the throat, which transmit similar signals of pain and irritation to the brain. The key to distinguishing between them lies in specific symptoms: itching and sneezing without fever point to allergy whereas fever and systemic malaise suggest infection.

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CM seeks access to road on Wipro campus to ease traffic

This comes, even as the State govt. faces much heat over infrastructure shortfalls and traffic congestion along the Outer Ring Road, which reportedly prompted a logistics tech company to exit ORR

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has written to Wipro founder Azim Premji, requesting Wipro to explore the possibility of allowing limited vehicular movement through its campus to help ease traffic congestion on the Outer Ring Road, Iblur junction.

This comes, even as the State government faces much heat over infrastructure shortfalls and traffic congestion along the Outer Ring Road (ORR), which reportedly prompted a logistics tech company to exit ORR.

The results of a detailed traffic simulation study by Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) have recommended the opening of the Wipro-Ecoworld campus link road to the public, projecting that it could reduce travel time along the Sarjapur Road-Outer Ring Road (ORR) corridor by nearly 38%.

In his letter, Mr. Siddaramaiah wrote, "I wish to explore the possibility of allowing limited vehicular movement through the Wipro campus, subject to mutually agreed terms and necessary security considerations. Preliminary assessments by traffic and urban mobility experts suggest that such a measure could reduce congestion on adjoining stretches of the ORR by nearly 30%, particularly during peak office hours."

He further added that Wipro's support in this matter would go a long way toward easing traffic bottlenecks, improving commuter experience, and contributing to a more efficient and liveable Bengaluru. "I would greatly appreciate it if your team could engage with our officials to work out a mutually acceptable plan at the earliest," Mr. Siddaramaiah wrote.

The study, conducted by Arcadis with BTP, analysed traffic flow across major technology hubs, including Wipro, RMZ Ecoworld, RMZ Ecospace, Embassy TechVillage, and Prestige Tech Park. FILE PHOTO

Problem

The report highlights the severe congestion at Iblur junction, which has become a choke point for thousands of vehicles moving between Sarjapur Road and the ORR.

Currently, most vehicles from Sarjapur Road head towards the ORR funnel through Iblur, creating long queues, spillbacks, and travel delays extending up to the Wipro junction. The analysis shows that diverting a portion of this traffic through the internal Wipro-Ecoworld campus road could significantly improve network performance.

Proposed plan

Under the proposed plan, about 30% of vehicles now taking a right turn at Iblur would instead use the link road via the Wipro campus towards Devarabeesanahalli junction. This intervention, coupled with a new signal at the Wipro junction, was tested through traffic simulation.

The results revealed the average travel time for vehicles in the corridor dropped from 35 minutes to 21.5 minutes, a 38.5% reduction. Queue lengths at critical points reduced substantially, and average delays fell from 15 minutes to 11.7 minutes. Average travel speed also improved marginally, from 23.18 kmph to 23.95 kmph.

The study estimated that around 2,000 vehicles would benefit directly, each saving approximately 14 minutes, amounting to 470 vehicle-hours saved in every peak period. Indirect benefits include smoother flow at Iblur junction and reduced congestion along Sarjapur Road.

In the base case, the average delay was 15 minutes and the average travel speed was 23.18 kmph, with a total travel time of 35 minutes.

Under the Wipro Link Road scenario, the average delay reduced to 11.7 minutes, and the average speed increased slightly to 23.95 kmph. The overall travel time dropped to 21.5 minutes, representing a 38.5% improvement compared to the base case.

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Gopal M. Byakod, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Traffic, South, told *The Hindu* that a few years ago, the Wipro link road was operating but was stopped. Reopening would lead to a massive drop in the congestion along the ORR stretch.

Greater Bengaluru IT Companies and Industries Association (GBITCIA) welcomed the Chief Minister's letter, terming it a "proactive proposal".

GBITCIA emphasised that they have advocated for multi-pronged traffic management solutions and said, "Our association stands ready to collaborate with government agencies, corporate stakeholders, and civic groups to ensure the successful implementation of the Wipro campus proposal. This initiative, along with broader infrastructure upgrades, will help restore global confidence in Bengaluru's IT corridor and sustain its reputation as India's tech capital."

'Bengaluru pothole issue exaggerated'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Tuesday said that potholes exist even on the road leading to the Prime Minister's residence in Delhi, but the issue is being exaggerated in Karnataka.

Speaking to reporters at his Sadashivanagar residence, Mr. Shivakumar said, "I travelled across Delhi just a day ago. The media should review and report on how many potholes exist on Delhi's roads, including the road to the PM's residence."

"Potholes are a problem across the country. Only Karnataka's situation is being blown out of proportion. I want to assure everyone, including major businesses in Bengaluru, that we are working to fill the potholes," he added. He stated that about 200 potholes are being filled daily in each of the five corporations, amounting to nearly 1,000 potholes a day.

"We wouldn't have reached this stage if the roads were properly maintained during the BJP's tenure. They did nothing to fix the potholes, but now they are raising the issue with elections approaching," he said.

Mr. Shivakumar's remarks assume importance amid sharp criticism on infrastructure issues. Industry leaders, including former Infosys CFO Mohandas Pai and Biocon Chairperson Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, had urged action after logistics firm BlackBuck announced plans to relocate from ORR area, citing poor road conditions. Mr. Shivakumar had said that the government remains unfazed by threats and blackmail.

'Expedite road repair works across key stretches in city'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Central Corporation Commissioner Rajendra Cholan instructed officials to expedite white-topping and road repair works across key city stretches, ensuring minimal inconvenience to vehicular traffic. Damaged surfaces at K.R. Circle were flagged for priority repair, while Race Course Road and Chalukya Circle would undergo patchwork and surface repair. Mr. Cholan instructed the Horticulture Department to plant saplings along these stretches.

North Corporation Commissioner Pommala Sunil Kumar inspected Veerannapalya and the surrounding areas. The commissioner addressed irregular garbage collection complaints and instructed officials to ensure daily door-to-door garbage collection. Night patrols were ordered to identify and penalise people littering streets. He chaired a meeting with engineers and contractors, directing urgent completion of pothole repairs, road maintenance, white topping, and other development works. He emphasised joint coordination with other departments for work on service roads of the Outer Ring Road (ORR) from Goraguntepalya to K.R. Puram, scheduled for September 26-27 during early morning hours.

A view of ongoing whitetopping work on Jawaharlal Nehru Road at BEML Layout in Bengaluru. K. MURALI KUMAR

East Corporation Commissioner D.S. Ramesh on Tuesday led a pedestrian encroachment clearance drive and a cleanliness campaign from Iblur Junction to Tin Factory. The Commissioner directed officials to work with BMRCL to remove debris and garbage along metro pillars and railway tracks. He asked officials to prepare ward-level micro plans to identify and prioritise local issues for better outcomes. An action plan for nighttime cleaning of market areas was directed by the Additional Commissioner (Development).

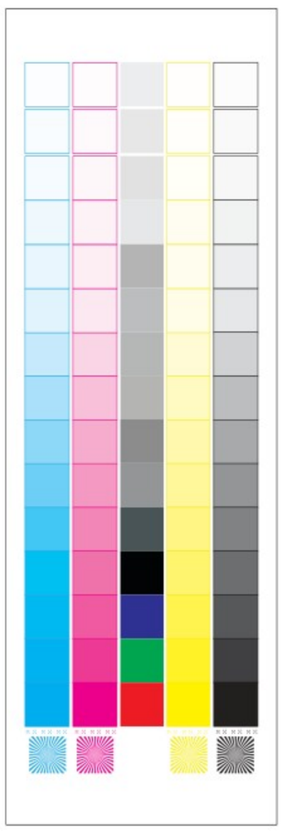
Several temporary shops were found encroaching on footpaths along the stretch. Mr. Ramesh instructed authorities to issue notices, levy fines, and clear the encroachments promptly. Vacant plots that were found unclean were also flagged, with property owners given notices to maintain hygiene. A private hospital was also flagged for discharging water directly onto the road, leading to potholes. Officials were instructed to issue a notice to the hospital and ensure the construction of a soak pit for water reuse.

5 policemen suspended

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

City Police Commissioner Seemanth Kumar Singh on Monday suspended five police personnel, including two inspectors, over allegations of corruption and dereliction of duty, and initiated departmental enquiries against them.

Hanumantha Bhajantri, Inspector, Halasuru Gate Police Station, along with ASI Prasanna, Head Constable Srinivas and constable Nagaraj, over allegations of corruption, Koramangala Inspector S. L. R. Reddy has been suspended for dereliction of duty, the Police Commissioner said.



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This amendment is issued in relation to the invitation for the expression of interest published by Schneider Electric India Private Limited ("**SEIPL**") on 18 September 2025 ("**Invitation for EOI**"). All interested parties may note the following revisions to the Invitation for EOI as they correct errata inadvertently contained in the original publication:

1. The title to the Invitation for EOI should be read as *"Invitation for the Sixth Round of Expression of Interest for Availing White Labelling of the Electrical and Automation Products of Lauritz Knudsen Electrical & Automation"*.

2. Point 1 under paragraph 2 of the Invitation for EOI should be read as *"The white labelling product manufacturing service is being offered by SEIPL only for the existing product range, owned and manufactured at L&T plants, of the five products of L&T (Air Circuit Breakers ("**ACB**"), Moulded Case Circuit Breakers ("**MCCB**"), Overload Relays, Contactors and Switch Disconnector Fuse ("**SDF**"), collectively "**Five Products**"). SEIPL has since transitioned the Five Products of L&T into a new brand, "Lauritz Knudsen Electrical & Automation" effective 29 May 2024."*

All other terms and conditions of the Invitation for EOI remain unchanged. All interested parties are advised to take note of these corrections and respond to the Invitation for EOI by submitting their details at: https://www.se.com/in/en/about-us/whitelabelling/whitelabelling-registration.jsp by 24th November 2025 i.e., 2 months from date of this amendment.

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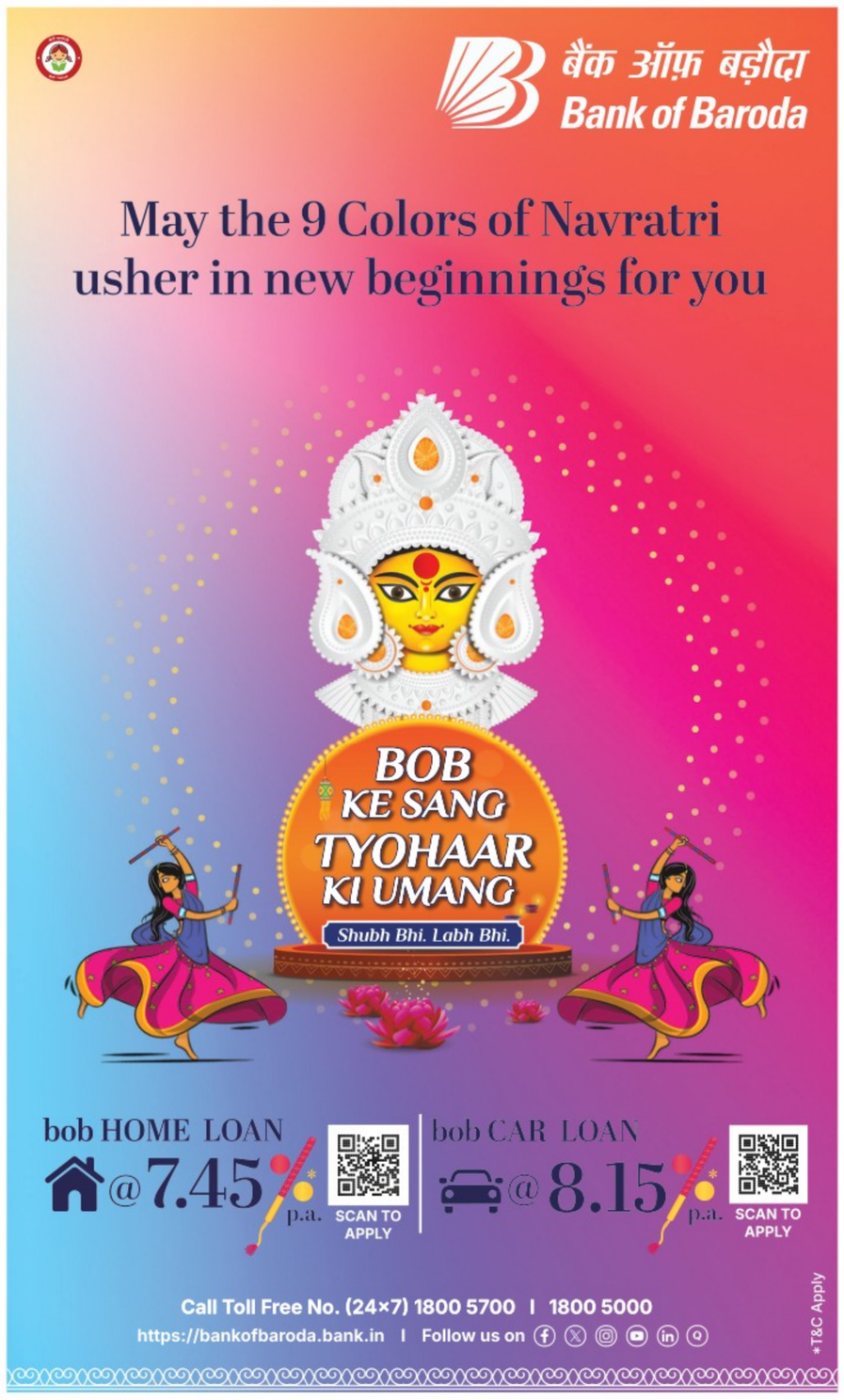

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Number of people who died in the Himachal monsoon

451 Himachal Pradesh is reeling from the heavy monsoon impact, with 451 people dead, 497 injured, and 47 missing. The State recorded 47 cloudbursts, 98 flash floods, and 148 major landslides this season. Around 340 roads remain closed, including the NH-3 and NH-503A. PTI

The cap on movie ticket prices in Karnataka challenged

200 In ₹. The Karnataka High Court stayed the government's order capping movie ticket prices at ₹200. The stay came after the Multiplex Association of India challenged the amendment, arguing it lacked legislative backing and infringed on cinema owners' rights. PTI

Number of migrant worker deaths reported in Odisha

289 Between 2021 and August 2025, 5,612 distressed workers were rescued from other States. The government issued 1,037 licences in 2024 and 217 in 2025 (August) for migration. A task force and surveys across 20+ districts aim to reduce distress migration. PTI

Number of people arrested in a drug bust in Jharkhand

4 In the East Singhbhum district, the Jharkhand police arrested four alleged drug peddlers and seized around 10 grams of brown sugar in 106 small packets, valued at ₹50,000. Acting on a tip-off, officers chased the suspects on motorcycles along NH-49. The accused have been sent to judicial custody. PTI

Number of people executed by Iran in this year

1,000 According to Norway-based Iran Human Rights, this is the highest annual toll since 2008. The majority of hangings were in prisons while there are occasional public hangings. AFP

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The mapping of the India-China border

During the Simla Conference, the delegate from the Republic of China categorically maintained that Tibet had no claim to the territories of the tribal belt (corresponding to present day Arunachal Pradesh) on the Assam side of the Himalayan divide, for they were not ethnically Tibetan and were self-governing

WORLD INSIGHT

Sunil Khatri

In a three-part series on the India-China border issue that appeared in the columns of *The Hindu* from September 5-9, 2025, the author, Manoj Joshi, develops a narrative on the assertion that the India-China border was not properly defined. This article presents another view on the same.

Official Manchu maps

During the 267-year Manchu rule (1644-1911), two major maps of the Empire, drawn to scale with coordinate lines, were prepared with the assistance of European Jesuits. The first is Emperor Kang-hsi's map (1721), depicting the territorial bequest of the Tibet-Assam segment to the then Republic of China (RoC). In the map, Tibet was never conceived as a trans-Himalayan state. Its southern boundary extended only upto the Himalayas, for Tibetans never resided on the southern side of the Himalayan divide. Consequently, non-Tibetan Tawang, south of the Himalayan divide, although Buddhist, was not depicted as Tibetan territory. Corroborative evidence in this regard comes from the RoC delegate's statement during the Simla Conference (1913-14), in which he categorically maintained that Tibet had no claim to the territories of the tribal belt (corresponding to present day Arunachal Pradesh) on the Assam side of the Himalayan divide, for they were not ethnically Tibetan and were self-governing.

Moreover, the RoC delegate did not claim this non-Tibetan tribal-belt on behalf of his country, leaving it to the Indian delegate to include it in Assam as it had already been under its sphere of influence for centuries. The resultant Indo-Tibetan boundary agreement in March 1914, also called the 1914 alignment, was in keeping with Kang-hsi's map.

Clear boundaries: Indian Army and ITBP personnel, along with villagers and students, participate in a 'Tiranga Rally' at the forward areas of Chuna in Tawang district, Arunachal Pradesh on August 14. PTI

The second Manchu map that depicts its territorial bequest to the RoC in the eastern Turkestan-Kashmir segment is Emperor Ch'ien-lung's map (1761), which shows that Eastern Turkestan (a region in the northwestern part of the now People's Republic of China) was never conceived as a trans-Kunlun territory (mountain range abutting eastern Turkistan). Consequently, the Manchu never claimed the stretch of desolate area south of the Kunlun mountain extending all the way upto the Hindu Kush-Karakoram mountains, lying further south. A proposal was submitted to the Manchu Foreign Office in 1899 suggesting the division of this area on the watershed principle, resulting in the Kashmir-Sinkiang boundary line, which became the 1899 alignment (related to the Aksai Chin region).

Territorial claims to the contrary

Apart from the official Manchu maps cited above, there is no subsequent official Manchu map. In 1943, when World War II was at its peak, a tottering RoC felt emboldened enough to set aside the Manchu's territorial bequest (1721 & 1761 maps), resulting in the emergence of a claim to large tracts of Indian territory. On being questioned on the new map, the RoC's response was, "The map was but an unprecise draft, to be corrected later on." A similar map was repeated by the RoC in December 1947, at a vulnerable moment, when a newly independent India's energies were directed on its military conflict with Pakistan.

China retained the same map-making pattern set by its predecessor regime. In a rare moment of candour in Peking in October 1954, Chou En-lai, the then Chinese Premier acknowledged in the presence of the Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, '...it is a historical question and we have been mostly printing old maps...At least we do not have any deliberate intentions of changing boundaries as KMT (RoC) had. The whole thing is ridiculous....'.

It has been shown that during his talks with Jawaharlal Nehru on the boundary question in New Delhi in April 1960, Chou En-lai had, more or less, conjured up a narrative in support of the Chinese position. He did so by attempting to pick holes in the evidence in support of India's claim through a clever play of words and assertions, not backed by facts. However, he was cautious in making a reference to evidence of Chinese origin, for he knew that here he could be skating on thin ice.

He slowly revealed his tactic to resolve the boundary question: that instead of focusing on maps and documents alone, both sides should agree to the use of a set of principles, enunciated by him, for a resolution. This was a trap, as reasoned by former Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale in his book, *The Long Game*. There appears to be no evidence in the public domain to suggest that Chou En-lai had proposed a territorial swap – where India would concede to the Chinese position in the Aksai Chin region in exchange for Chinese acceptance of India's claim over Arunachal Pradesh.

Instead, the way forward, as agreed to by both parties, was through a package deal that would aim at resolving not only the entire length of the boundary, but also address other pending geopolitical and trade-related matters. To break the impasse, both sides would need to work towards a "...solution which brings no defeat to any side and that it should be reasonable, equitable and friendly...and which is...consistent with dignity and self-respect of both countries." The broad contours of such a solution could possibly lead to the acceptance of the 1899 and 1914 alignments respectively, with a provision for a territorial swap to meet each other's security concerns.

The author is a former civil servant.

THE GIST

- During the 267-year Manchu rule, two major maps of the Empire were prepared. The first is Emperor Kang-hsi's map (1721), depicting the territorial bequest of the Tibet-Assam segment to the then Republic of China (RoC).
- The second Manchu map that depicts its territorial bequest to the RoC in the eastern Turkestan-Kashmir segment is Emperor Ch'ien-lung's map (1761).
- In 1943, when World War II was at its peak, a tottering RoC felt emboldened enough to set aside the Manchu's territorial bequest.

How is the jewellery sector coping with U.S. tariffs?

What are the short-term measures sought by India's diamond and jewellery sector from the government?

Vinaya Deshpande Pandit

The story so far:

India's diamond and jewellery sector has been hit due to the U.S. tariffs. While the U.S. has imposed a 50% import duty on India's cut and polished diamonds, it has imposed a 50-57% duty on studded and non-studded jewellery, upsetting decades of well-set trade. At such a time, the sector wants government intervention which could absorb the shock caused by U.S. tariffs.

Why government intervention?

The U.S. is the largest importer of diamonds from India. In 2024-25, India exported diamonds worth ₹46,000 crore and studded gold jewellery worth ₹23,000 crore. Moreover, India's cut and polished diamond industry employs 8.2 lakh skilled workers. The U.S. tariffs are likely to affect the jobs of 1.7 lakh skilled workers, as per the Gems and Jewellery Export Promotion Council's prediction. Of India's exporters, 85% are Medium and Small Scale Enterprises (MSMEs) which will not be able to bear the shock of the loss of the U.S. market in the short term. The industry has therefore sought short-term measures in terms of policy reliefs, aid for workers, and monetary and marketing benefits for three to six months, to help the manufacturers absorb the shock. Gujarat, Rajasthan and Maharashtra are the worst-hit States.

What are the sought policy reliefs?

Some of the key policy reliefs sought by the industry are: to extend the export obligation period for exports made to the U.S. from 90 days to 270 days; allow reverse job work in DTAs (Domestic Tariff Areas) by jewellery manufacturing Special Economic Zones (SEZs); and allow SEZs to sell in the domestic market on payment of duty foregone. In simple terms, if a jewellery manufacturer imports gold for the export of jewellery, such export of ready-made jewellery has to take place within a period of 90 days. If not, an import duty of 6% and GST of 3% is levied. But with the orders from the U.S. suddenly drying up, many exporters are unable to ship their jewellery. That is why, the industry now wants the export obligation period to be increased.

The industry also wants the government to allow the SEZs to sell their goods in the domestic market with import duty forgone. Currently, the exporters are allowed to sell in the domestic market, but with a duty of 20% on the finished product. This makes them less competitive as compared to domestic manufacturers. Reverse job order refers to SEZs being allowed to manufacture for domestic buyers so that idle machinery and capability can be utilised; skilled workers can stay gainfully employed; and that factories set up after years of hard work can keep running.

What are the incentives demanded?

Some of the demands by the industry are – monetary incentives like interest subvention offered during the COVID period; temporary subsidisation of exports to the U.S.; worker-related benefits like restructuring of personal loans and inclusion under healthcare schemes; and marketing benefits such as giving exporters funding to explore newer markets. Other demands include banking incentives, liquidity packages, and finance extensions, among others.

Why the urgency?

The tariffs are disrupting businesses which were set for almost five decades. These tariffs will disproportionately affect MSMEs which have invested for years to build up their businesses. While large exporters will be able to navigate through this change, the bottom-line will be wiped out unless the government intervenes and provides short-term relief for three to six months, says the industry. The total bailout package in the form of various incentives is likely to be to the tune of ₹500 crore as per rough industry estimates. "The U.S. forms 30% of India's gem and jewellery export. Most of this demand is fulfilled by MSMEs, which form the backbone of the sector, and which are now struggling to survive. We need urgent government help," said Kirit Bhansali, chairperson of Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council.

THE GIST

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BMTC urged to appoint its own drivers for electric buses

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) Staff and Workers' Federation has urged the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) to appoint its own drivers for electric buses and shun the current practice of hiring company drivers.

H.V. Anantha Subba Rao, president of the federation, in a letter to Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy, said that this was crucial for the safety of the public and to avoid accidents.

The KSRTC Staff and Workers' Federation says that such a move is crucial to avoid accidents. FILE PHOTO

Accidents on the rise

Mr. Rao said that in recent times, accidents involving BMTC buses had been increasing in the city, resulting in loss of life. The media was portraying it as the fault of BMTC drivers, whereas more accidents cases were reported linked to electric buses, which were not driven by drivers hired by the BMTC.

"There are certain criteria and a disciplinary framework for the drivers recruited by BMTC. If they drive carelessly, disciplinary action can be taken against them. But there are no qualification tests for electric bus drivers of private companies and they are not subject to disciplinary action," he stated.

Mr. Rao further said that neither drivers nor driver-cum-conductors recruited by the BMTC should be sent on routes without a specific period of training. "In case of an accident, a joint committee of the management and federation should be formed to find the real cause of the same," he demanded.

Cases of violence

"Apart from the accidents, we are also concerned about the increasing incidents of violence against passengers in private vehicles hired by BMTC. The organisation does not have the authority to take any disciplinary action against such drivers," Mr. Rao said.

Rare benign tumour in rock python treated

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In the first reported case of its kind in Karnataka, a captive rock python at Chitradurga's Aadumalleshwara Zoo, suffering from a benign tumour, underwent successful surgery at the Wildlife Rescue and Conservation Centre in Bengaluru.

Veterinarians and officials from the Karnataka Forest Department told *The Hindu* that benign tumours are extremely rare in pythons in Karnataka, with no previously recorded cases, particularly in rock pythons, which are listed as 'near threatened' on the International Union for Conservation of Nature's Red List. However, last year a similar case was reported in Mumbai, where the reptile was reportedly successfully treated.

A rock python. PHOTO FOR REPRESENT- ATIVE PURPOSE

On July 3, Aadumalleshwara Zoo authorities, managed by the Karnataka Forest Department, sent a rock python with a tumour in its mouth to Bengaluru's People for Animals (PFA) hospital for surgery and rehabilitation. After two months of intensive care, the python, earlier unable to even eat, regained its hunting ability and was later returned to the zoo.

'Fully recovered'

A source at Aadumalleshwara Zoo confirmed to *The Hindu* that the snake has fully recovered and is now living normally.

Nirupama Jaisingh, a veterinarian at a private conservation centre that undertakes assignments for the Forest Department, said she had never previously encountered a benign tumour in pythons.

"Usually, snakes do develop lumps, but the recorded history largely points to parasitic infections as the cause. This benign tumour may be an incidental finding," she told *The Hindu*.

Navaz Shariff, chief wildlife veterinarian at PFA, who treated the python, explained that the location of a benign tumour is a critical factor in determining its impact.

"In this case, the tumour was confined to the lower jaw, making it difficult for the snake to open its mouth for hunting. Without intervention, the reptile would have died of starvation," he said.

Initial smear tests revealed abundant nucleated red blood cells but very few neutrophils, suggesting a weakened immune system.

"We then collected tissue around the growth and sent it for histopathology, which confirmed the tumour but showed it was not metastatic," Dr. Shariff said, adding that treatment was started immediately.

Feeding

Since the python was unable to feed, doctors had to use assisted feeding methods. A CO2 laser, commonly used for delicate avian and reptilian tissues, was employed to remove the affected tissues surgically. The reptile was then kept under observation and made a full recovery within a month.

Dr. Shariff suggested two possible causes for the tumour, zoo environment and genetics, but said nothing conclusive was found, even after discussions with the caretakers of the zoo.

Cab driver surrenders

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Hours after stabbing his 28-year-old wife to death in front of their minor daughter, a 43-year-old cab driver who was on the run surrendered before the police on Monday. The accused has been identified as Lohitshwa, a native of Tumakuru.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following works:

E-Tender Notice No.: Y/E.29/2025-26/44 Dated: 13.09.2025

Sl.#	Item of work	Approx. Value
1	**(Re-tender)**	Rs. 15,35,806.00

Provision of additional four potal lights for freight train examination for Road 4 & 5 at Sakleshpur (SKLR) yard.

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 06.10.2025**

E-Tender Notice No.: Y/E.29/2025-26/45 Dated: 13.09.2025

2	Provision of Porta-	Rs. 22,46,223/-

Cabins for Rolling in / out examination at Mysuru, Ashokapuram, Arsikere, Sakleshpur, Shivamogga Town, Talaguppa and Hassan.

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 06.10.2025**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/General/ Mysuru

PUB/484/AAMO/PRB/SWR/2025-26

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UTTAR PRADESH MEDICAL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LTD.
(A Government of Uttar Pradesh Undertaking)

Tender Notice

Tender Ref.No: UPMSCL/Drugs-239/15 **Dated: 22/09/2025**

e-TENDER FOR SUPPLY Of DRUGS

Online tenders are invited from licensed manufacturers for supply of drugs to UPMSCL. The details of tender, list of items and Tender Documents are made available on website https://etender.up.nic.in and www.upmsc.in. The last date/time of online submission of the tender documents is 13/10/2025 upto 15:00 Hrs.

Managing Director
UPMSCL Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

Department of Medical Health & Family Welfare, Uttar Pradesh

E-TENDER NOTICE SAI

Sports Authority of India, NSSC, Bangalore invites e-tender for following works : -

1. SAI/NSSC/ENGG/NIT-05/2025-26 for REPAIR AND RENOVATIONS OF TYPE-II QUARTERS (16 NOS) & REPLACEMENT OF WATER CLOSESTS TYPE-IV QUARTERS AT SAI, NSSC, BANGALORE. For more details please visit E-Tender website **http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app, https://sportsauthorityofindia.nic.in & http://www.saisouth-bangalore.com.**

The Last date of Submission of E-Tender is 06.10.2025 up to 16.00 hrs.

Sd/-, Deputy Director-Infra

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that our client **Mr.Sundareshan.A S/o Sri.Armugam,** Aadhar No.4363 2006 6378, residing at No.95/2, 3rd Cross, Thammanna Layout, Lingarajapura, Bangalore-560084, represents that the Original Sale deed dated 02.12.1989, Registered as Document No.4881/89-90, in the office of Sub Registrar Bangalore North taluk, executed by Maliamma and others to in favour of **A.Sundareshan,** in respect to the **SCHEDULE PROPERTY** mentioned hereunder is lost/misplace and not traceable.

If anybody other than the said **Mr.Sundareshan.A** has any claim, right, title and interest on the **SCHEDULE PROPERTY** by virtue of being in possession or otherwise of the above said Original Documents, or any Rights they should file their claim with documentary proof within **SEVEN DAYS** from the date of issuance of this Public Notice in our office, at the address mentioned below, failing which, it will be taken for granted that nobody has any manner of right, title, interest or claim over the **SCHEDULE PROPERTY** other than the said **Mr.Sundareshan.A**

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Part of House List **No.1615/2,** New Municipal No.23, PID No.94-164-23, Situated at **Kariyanapalya, Kacharakanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore,** measuring East to West **20 feet** and North to South **33 feet,** in all measuring **660 Sq.feets.,** together with house constructed thereon and bounded on the:'

East: 15 Feet Wide Road; West: Channel; North: Remaining Portion; South: Remaining Portion of S.Sampath Kumar;

Shruthi.S, Advocate
Unit No.101, 1st Floor, No.663, at
3rd Cross, Opp: to Karnataka Bank,
K.R.Puram, Bangalore-560036

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Publication of Corrigendum to Tender Notice No.: CAO/CN/BNC/131/2025 Dated 24.07.2025

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following works:

Item of work	Approx. Value
Construction of new broad gauge line between mid section (km: 5.72) and Kuppam (incl.) (km: 23.869) under Marikuppam - Kuppam new line project (23.7 km) including civil & track works, signal & telecommunication works, railway electrification and electrical general services on EPC mode. **(Tender Ref. No. MKM-KPN-EPC-02)**	Rs. 354,84,42,876/-

Date of Closing	
Existing	**Modified**
26.09.2025 (15:00 hrs)	**15.10.2025 (15:00 hrs)**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Dy. Chief Engineer/Construction/ Works/Bengaluru Cantt.

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Form No.14 [See Regulation 33(2)]
OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - I/II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT-2)
Government of India Ministry of Finance Department of Financial Services Debt Recovery Tribunal-II, Karnataka (Bengaluru) 4th Floor, Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road, Bengaluru, Pincode-560001

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS DUE TO BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.

RC/389/2020 **04/03/2021**

Indian Overseas Bank
Versus
M/s Shree Balaji Precision Tools Prop. Smt. G S Aruna Kumari

To,

Indian Overseas Bank, No.39, SLV Plaza, Bull Temple Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore, Karnataka-560004, Rep. by its Senior Manager Smt NS Hassina Bhanu. **...Certificate Holder**

1) **M/s Shree Balaji Precision Tools,** Prop. Smt. GS Aruna Kumari, No.7, 8th Cross, Srigandharnagar, Hegganahalli East, Near KTG College, 40 Feet Road, Vishwaneedam Post, Bangalore, Karnataka. **Also at:** M/s Shree Balaji Precision Tools, No. 285, 1st Cross, Hegganahalli, Near BBMP Office, Vishwaneedam Post, Bangalore-560091. **...Certificate Debtor**

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, **DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT 2) in OA/142/2019** an amount of **Rs.1038706.38/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred And Six And Paise Thirty Eight Only)** along with pendentellite and future interest **@ 10.10%** Compound Interest Monthly w.e.f. **20.12.2018** and costs till realization has become due against you (Jointly and severally).

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within **15 days** from the date of publishing notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.
3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.
4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned With in 15 Days from the date of publishing for further proceedings.
5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:
   (a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.
   (b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: **04/03/2021.**

Sd/- Recovery Officer
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BANGALORE (DRT-2)

Form No.14 [See Regulation 33(2)]
OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - I/II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT-2)
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DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.
RC/107/2022

INDIAN OVERSEAS BANK
Versus
Mrs. H K YASHODHAMMA & ANOTHER

To,

(CH 1) Indian Overseas Bank, Banashankari Branch, No. 356, 24th B Cross, 9th Main Road, Banashankari II Stage, Bangalore- 560070. **...Certificate Holders**

(CD 1) Mrs. H K Yashodhamma W/o Mr. M.S.Shivalingegowda, R/At No. 885/A, 4th Cross, 4th Main Road, Hanumanthanagar, Bangalore-560019. **Also At: Mrs H.K. Yashodhamma W/o Mr. M.S. Shivalinge Gowda,** No.37, 6th Main Road, Hanumanthanagar, Bangalore- 560052.

(CD 2) Mr. M.S. Shivalinge Gowda S/o Siddaiah, R/At No. 885/A, 4th Cross, 4th Main Road, Hanumanthanagar, Bangalore-560019. **Also At: Mr. M.S. Shivalinge Gowda S/o Siddaiah,** No.37, 6th Main Road, Nagendra Block, Bangalore-560052. **...Certificate Debtors**

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the **Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT 2) in OA/1405/2018 an amount of Rs.1119385 (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Nineteen Thousands Three Hundred Eighty Five Only)** along with pendentellite and future interest @ **13.75%** Compound Interest (Quarterly) w.e.f. **19/03/2018** and cost till realization has become due against you (Jointly and severally/ Fully/Limited).

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within **15 days** from the date of publishing notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.
3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing
4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned With in 15 Days from the date of publishing for further proceedings
5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:
   (a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate/execution proceedings.
   (b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: **21/05/2022**

Sd/- Recovery Officer
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT 2)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that our Client intends to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from **Mrs. P Rajamma wife of Mr. Shashikanth** residing at #1423, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, Neharu Nagar, Yelahanka, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru-560064 **("Owner").**

The Owner has represented that she is the absolute owner and is in possession of the Schedule Property and the Schedule Property is free from any kind of encumbrance, suits, and proceedings under any statute. Any person or persons asserting any right, title, interest, claim or demand whatsoever in the Schedule Property or any part thereof, by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, charge, lien, gift, inheritance, bequest, possession, lis pendens, maintenance, easement, memorandum of understanding, agreement, power of attorney, option, right of first refusal, pre-emption or otherwise whatsoever is hereby required to notify the same in writing to the undersigned within a period of **Ten (10) days** from the date of issuance of this notice with all documentary proof thereof failing which our Client will treat the title of the Schedule Property as clear and marketable and will proceed to enter into the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing **Sy. No. 157/1** measuring **1 Acre and 7 Guntas** (excluding 4 Guntas of A Kharab), situated at **Hunasamaranahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru** and bounded as follows:-

East By :- Sy. No. 157/2;
West By :- Road;
North By :- Sy. No. 158 & Portion of Sy. No. 159;
South By :- Sy. No. 155/1.

Sadananda P Naganur / Suma M
Sadananda & Co., Legal Consultant
54/1, Central Street, Off 8th Cross,
Kumara Park West, Bengaluru-560 020
Mob: 9880484236

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

OPEN TENDER NOTICE No. 21/SBC/25 of 15.09.2025

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following works:

Sl.	Description of work	Approx Value
1	**Bangalore - Jolarpettai Section: Sub Work-I:** Increasing sleeper density from 1310 to 1540 for a length of 8.042 kms in Bengaluru Cantonment (SBC) yard Road No. 5, 6, 7, 14, 15 and 16 in SSE/PWay/Bengaluru Section. **Sub Work-II: Bangalore - Jolarpettai Section:** Through Rail Renewal (P) of existing 60 kg rails with 60kg/110 UTS Class 1 rails for a length of 1.7 km from 303/200-304/900 on Down line. **Sub Work-III: Bangalore-Jolarpettai Section:** Through fitting renewal (TFR) for a length of 15 kms. from 311/500-296/500 on Down line in SSE/P.Way/Kolar section. **Sub Work-IV: Bangalore Division:** New crossing station at Thurandahalli (TUHD) station in Yelahanka - Bangarpet section.	Rs. 1,20,64,689/-
2	**Bangalore - Jolarpettai section:** Construction of RUB at trespassing location at km 339/300-400 between Hoodi halt (HDIH) - Krishnarajapuram (KJM) stations. Size 1.0 x 6.0 x 3.5 by air pushing method. Maintenance Period is 6 months or one monsoon period whichever is later.	Rs. 4,02,26,845/-
3	**Bangalore - Jolarpettai section:** Provision of safety fencing with W-Beam metal barrier for 35.60kms (Asst. Divisional Engineer/Bengaluru Cantonment Section) in connection with Increasing sectional speed from 110 kmph to 130kmph. Maintenance period is 12 months. (Two Packet).	Rs. 14,45,94,105/-
4	**Asst. Divisional Engineer/Mandya Sub Division:** Proposed provision of Escalator on Platform - 4 at Kengeri (KGI). Maintenance period is 6 months or one monsoon period whichever is later.	Rs. 56,06,514/-
5	**Sub Work-I: Bangalore Cantonment (BNC):** Proposed construction of Type-III quarters (4 Units) (Stilt + ground floor) at Bangalore Cantonment (BNC). **Sub Work-II: Bangalore Cantonment (BNC):** Proposed construction of Type-III quarters (8 Units) at first and second floor over existing quarter at Bangalore Cant. (BNC). Maintenance period is 12 months. (Composite Tender).	Rs. 4,22,07,361/-
6	**Bangaluru - Sampige Road Section:** Construction of boundary wall for a length of 14 km in connection with the work of increasing sectional speed from 110 kmph to 130 kmph. Maintenance period is 12 months (Two packet).	Rs. 11,51,97,379/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 14.10.2025**

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Senior Divisional Engineer/Co-Ordination/Bengaluru

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DEMAND NOTICE
(NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.)

RC/477/2023 IN OA NO.1342/2019

Bank Of Baroda
Versus
M/S Sreereddy Properties Pvt Ltd and Others

TO,
(CH) Bank Of Baroda Mayo Hall Branch M.G. Road, Bangalore **.....Certificate Holder**

Vs

(CD 1) M/s Sreereddy Properties Pvt Ltd No 4c 1002, 3rd Floor, Horamavu Signal, 100 Feet Road, HRBR 1st Block, Banaswadi, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560043.

(CD 2) Mr G Srirish Kumar Reddy S/o Sree Ramaly Reddy No 4c 1002, 3rd Floor, Horamavu Signal, 100 Feet Road, HRBR Ist Block, Banaswadi, Bangalore, Karnataka -560043

Also At: Mr G Srirish Kumar Reddy S/o Sree Ramaly Reddy No.401, Sree Dhanayatha Apartments, 2nd Main, Gopal Reddy Layout, Doddabanswadi.

(CD 3) Mrs Jamuna Sirish Reddy W/o Mr Sirish Kumar Reddy, No 4c 1002, 3rd Floor, Horamavu Signal 100 Feet Road, HRBR Ist Block, Banaswadi, Bangalore. Karnataka

Also At: Mrs Jamuna Sirish Reddy W/o Mr Sirish Kumar Reddy No.401, Sree Dhanayatha Apartment, 2nd Main, Gopal Reddy Layout, Doddabanswadi **.....Certificate Debtors**

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT 2) in **OA/1342/2019** an amount of **Rs. 3,72,31,042.60 (Rupees Three Crore Seventy Two LakhsThirty One Thousands Forty Two And Paise Sixty Only)** along with pendentellite and future interest @17.95% Compound Interest Yearly w.e.f. **01/07/2019** till realization and costs of **Rs. 2,20,405 (Rupees Two Lakh Twenty Thousands Four Hundred Five Only)** has become due against you jointly and severally.

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act 1993 and Rules there under.
3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.
4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned within 15 days from the date of paper publication of the demand notice at 10.30 am for further proceedings.
5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay
(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate/execution proceedings.
(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: **22.12.2023.**

You are directed that the payment made if any by the Certificate Debtor(s) be credited to the consolidated account of all debts due in this case from the certificate Debtor(s) and the Recovery Officer kept posted with the Payment position regularly.

The consolidated account so maintained will be subject to the Verification of the Recovery officer. You are further directed to submit an up to date statement of the total claim in respect of the above matter and full details of property particulars where from the recovery of the debt is to be made.

Note : Attention is invited to Rule 16 to the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act, 1961 read with Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993(Amended from time to time) which is reproduced as under: "Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the debts recovery officer nor shall be any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.

2. Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter or any debt, divided or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment.

3. You are also liable to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of last 5 years.

Sd/- Recovery Officer
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bangalore (DRT-2)

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Firstrate Syndicate

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POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property)

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Canara Bank,**Wilson Garden Branch, Bengaluru,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **30.06.2025** calling upon the Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors,**M/S.MR HOSPITALITY PRIVATE LIMITED** Represented by Directors Mr.S MANJUNATH REDDY and MR. CHETHAN KUMAR. NO 42, OLD NO 40, 8TH B MAIN ROAD, JAYANAGAR 3RD BLOCK, BANGALORE SOUTH 560011.And having Registered office at : 106/A, 4th Cross, 5th Block, Koramangala, Behind Raheja Arcade , Bangalore -560095.

2) MR.S MANJUNATH REDDY (Director and Guarantor)
Director of M/S. M R HOSPITALITY PRIVATE LIMITED
S/O SHANKAR REDDY
NO 8, 4TH CROSS, 8TH MAIN , JAYANAGAR 2ND BLOCK, BANGALORE SOUTH 560011.

3) MR. CHETHAN KUMAR
Director of M/S. M R HOSPITALITY PRIVATE LIMITED
RESIDING AT C/O S VISWANATHA SHETTY
WARD NO 16, SRINIVASAM, 2ND STAGE, 4TH CROSS, NEAR RAGHAVENDRA TALKIES AGADI COM, BELLARI, KARNATAKA-583101.

4) SMT. BHAGYALAKSHMI (Guarantor)
W/O SRI. KRISHNA MURTHY T V
15, SRI LAKSHMI VENKATESHWARA NILAYA, 1ST MAIN ROAD, RANGANATAHAPURA, KAMAKSHIPALYA, BASAVESHWARANAGAR 560079. to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs.2,64,70,782.62 (Rupees Two Crore Sixty Four Lakh Seventy Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Two and Paisa Sixty Two only)** and interest thereon within **60** days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules 2002 on this **22nd day of September 2025.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Canara Bank, Wilsongarden Branch for an amount of **Rs. 2,71,26,558.62 (Rupees Two crore seventy one lakh twenty six thousand five hundred fifty eight and paisa sixty two only)**and interest thereon.

The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property.

All that piece and parcel of vacant site bearing No.128/1, Khatha No.123, presently Pattanagere/Rajarajeshwari Nagar CMC Khatha No.152/128/1 situated at Pattanagere Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk measuring East to West 88 Feet and North to South 40Feet totally measuring 3250Sq Ft. bounded as follows: **East By :**Muthaiah 's House **West By :** Road, **North By :** Private Property And **South By :** Galaiah's Property.

Name of Title holder: Smt.Bhagyalakshmi

Date : 23.09.2025 **Authorised Officer**
Place :Bangalore **Canara Bank**

Department of Tourism, Government of Bihar
(BIHAR STATE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD)
(A Govt of Bihar Undertaking)
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE E-BIDDING INVITATION
SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING Re-TENDER

Govt. of Bihar

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER FOR SELECTION OF OPERATOR FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF CONVENTION CENTRE & GUEST HOUSE AT VALMIKINAGER, WEST CHAMPRAN BIHAR

File. No: 14/38/H&C/Esstt./2024-25/3087/25 Date: 19.09.2025

(Through e-procurement mode only – www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

1 Bihar State Tourism Development Corporation Limited invites Bids from reputed, experienced, and competent Operators for Operation, maintenance, and marketing of the Convention Centre& Guest House at Valmikinagar, West Champ aranon lease basis, in its endeavor to explore world class operations and maintenance standards for the ambitious project.

The broad scope of services includes working with the authority to finalize furnishing, interiors, fit outs etc., as required to make the Project Facilities operational, Operations & Maintenance of the property, marketing and management of the property and managing bookings for the Convention Centre& Guest House at Valmikinagar, Summary of various activities with regard to this invitation of bids are listed in the activity table below :-

State	Name of project	Bid Security (Rs.)	Cost of RFP Document (Rs.) (Non-Refundable)	Bid ProcessingFee (OnlinePayment)(Rs.) (Non-Refundable)	Project Period (In year)
Bihar	Selection of Operator for Operation and Maintenance of Convention Centre& Guest House at Valmikinagar, West Champ aran	5,00,000.00	10,000.00	1,180.00	As per RFP

2	Place & Date of Pre-bid meeting	Date 25.09.2025 Time 12:30 PM. BSTDC office, Sikh Heritage Bhavan, Daroga Rai Path, Patna-800001
3	Date of downloading of bid document	From 22.09.2025 to 02.10.2025 up to 12:30 PM Through website: www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
4	Last date and time for receipt of bids (Online)	Date03.10.2025 Time 01:00 PM
5	Last Date and time for Submission of hard copy of bid	Date03.10.2025 Time 03:00 PM
6	Time and Date of opening of technical bids	Date 03.10.2025 Time 03:30 PM Through website: www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
7	Submission of bids	Through website: www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
8	Period of bids validity	180 days
9	Officer inviting bids	GM (BSTDC)
10	For participating in E – tendering process, the contractor shall have to get themselves registered to get user ID, Password and Digital signature. This will enable them to access the website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in and download/participate in E – tender. All tender queries related to this tender shall be communicated at contactbstdc@gmail.com	

For further details please visit : **www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar**

Sd/
GENERAL MANAGER
BSTDCL

PR- 015563 (B & C) 2025-26

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Govt. of Jharkhand
Jharkhand Combined Entrance Competitive Examination Board
Science & Technology Campus, Sirkha Toli,
Namkum-Tupudana Road, Namkum, Ranchi – 834010
Website : https://jceceb.jharkhand.gov.in, e-mail : jceceboard@gmail.com

Advt. No. :–JCECEB/46/25- 90 **Ranchi/Dated: 23/09/2025**

Indicative information regarding First Round of Online Counselling for Admission to Post Graduate (Homoeopathic) Courses of Devki Mahavir Homeopathic Medical College & Research Hospital, Garhwa under Babu Dinesh Singh University, Garhwa

PRESS COMMUNIQUE

As per letter no.- 08/Dant - 07-01/2025-215 (8) dated - 19.09.2025, Online Applications are invited from qualified candidates of AIAPGET-2025 for Admission in Post Graduate (Homoeopathic) Courses of Devki Mahavir Homoeopathic Medical College & Research Hospital, Garhwa.

Health, Medical Education & Family Welfare Department, Govt. of Jharkhand has earmarked 60% seats for Students from all India & 15% for Students Supported by NRI out of 24 Post Graduate (Homoeopathic) seats of Devki Mahavir Homeopathic Medical College & Research Hospital, Garhwa.

Revised Counselling Schedule are as follows:-

Sl. No.	Activity	Earlier Schedule Date	Revised Schedule Date
1.	Online Application Form filling & Certificates/Documents Uploading	20.09.2025 to 23.09.2025	20.09.2025 to 25.09.2025 (Upto 05:00PM)
2.	Publication of Provisional State Merit List for 1st Round of Online Counselling	24.09.2025	25.09.2025
3.	Online Registration & Choice Filling for Seat Allotment	25.09.2025 to 27.09.2025	26.09.2025 to 27.09.2025
4.	Issue of Provisional Seat Allotment Letter	29.09.2025	29.09.2025
5.	Certificates /Documents verification and admission in the concerned Institute	30.09.2025 01.10.2025	29.09.2025 01.10.2025

The Advt. No. 87 Dated 19.09.2025 shall be deemed to be amended upto this extent. The Detailed information in regards with above are uploaded under "Important Notice" column at Board's website http://jceceb.jharkhand.gov.in.

By the order of Controller of Examination,
Sd/-
(Ranjeeta Hembrom, J.A.S.)
Dy. Controller of Examination

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How Trump's H-1B fee threatens India's IT firms and Big Tech business models

If U.S. companies cannot economically hire foreign workers for onshore roles, they may shift entire operations overseas. This could reduce employment opportunities for U.S. workers rather than increasing them

John Xavier

The Trump administration has deployed a $1,00,000 annual fee on H-1B visas, a move designed to obliterate the business models of India's IT giants and Big Tech's wage arbitrage schemes while leaving the U.S.'s universities and startups standing. Whether this crude instrument will achieve its intended effect without inflicting collateral damage on the U.S.'s innovation ecosystem remains an open question.

The policy addresses a genuine issue as H-1B workers now account for 65% of America's IT workforce, up from 32% in 2003. This surge did not just occur because of a shortage of U.S. talent. The administration notes that computer science graduates face unemployment rates of 6.1%, while their peers in computer engineering struggle with 7.5% joblessness. Meanwhile, some technology firms filed over 10,000 H-1B applications in the 2024 fiscal alone, often in the same years they conducted mass layoffs of U.S. workers.

The outsourcing reckoning

After a back and forth over the weekend, the Trump administration has confirmed that the fee will apply only to new visa applications. Still, this will devastate India's IT services industry. Companies like Tata Consultancy Services, Infosys and Wipro have built empires on a simple arbitrage: import Indian engineers willing to work for substantially less than their American counterparts. Their business model depended on H-1B visas costing a few thousand dollars in filing fees, making it economical to flood the system with applications and cherry-pick the most cost-effective workers.

At $1,00,000 per visa, this lottery system becomes prohibitively expensive. Indian IT firms face a stark choice: raise prices dramatically or retreat to offshore delivery models. Either option undermines their competitive position against U.S. rivals, though the latter may paradoxically accelerate job losses as entire functions may migrate overseas rather than remaining onshore with H-1B workers.

American technology companies will face their own reckoning. The minimal cost of H-1B applications previously allowed HR departments to treat visa petitions like lottery tickets. Now each hire becomes a significant capital allocation requiring executive approval. This should naturally filter applications toward genuinely exceptional candidates with irreplaceable skills, which was the programme's original purpose.

An innovation exodus

Yet the policy's collateral damage may prove severe. International students contribute over $40 billion annually to America's economy, with more than half pursuing STEM fields. These represent the world's intellectual elite, individuals who have already demonstrated commitment to U.S. institutions through years of study and substantial financial investment.

The $1,00,000 fee signals a considerable dimming of these individuals' prospects in the U.S. post-graduation. Countries like Canada, Australia and the United Kingdom have crafted sophisticated strategies to attract precisely these individuals. As the U.S. raises barriers, competitors lower them, potentially capturing the talent that will drive the next decade's technological breakthroughs.

The timing seems particularly unfortunate. China's growing technological prowess and geopolitical tensions have intensified competition for global talent. Pushing the world's brightest minds toward rival nations does not eliminate security risks, but merely transfers competitive advantages to America's competitors.

A blunt instrument

The policy's design reflects a preference for simplicity over sophistication. Rather than treating all H-1B applications equally, a more nuanced approach might have created fees based on salary levels, exempted graduates from elite American universities, or established lower rates for workers in cutting-edge research fields. Such refinements could have maintained the policy's effectiveness against labour arbitrage while preserving the U.S.'s ability to attract exceptional talent. The current approach resembles using a sledgehammer where a scalpel might suffice. The broader implications extend beyond immigration policy. America's post-war dominance in science and technology rested partly on its ability to attract and retain global talent. The H-1B programme, whatever its flaws, served as one mechanism for this attraction. By making the programme prohibitively expensive for most employers, the administration risks severing connections between American institutions and international talent pools.

Unintended consequences

The policy may also accelerate trends it ostensibly seeks to reverse. If American companies cannot economically hire foreign workers for onshore roles, they may shift entire operations overseas. This could reduce employment opportunities for U.S. workers rather than increasing them.

Similarly, the fee structure may inadvertently benefit the largest technology companies at smaller firms' expense. Google or Microsoft can absorb $1,00,000 fees more easily than startups or mid-sized companies, potentially concentrating talent among established players rather than distributing it throughout the innovation ecosystem.

The administration's approach reflects a broader philosophical shift from balancing corporate needs with talent attraction toward prioritising domestic workers. This addresses legitimate concerns about wage suppression and worker displacement. However, immigration policy operates in a global context where other nations compete aggressively for the same talent the U.S. now seems increasingly reluctant to welcome.

The irony is stark: having spent decades building the world's most attractive higher education system and innovation ecosystem, the U.S. now risks gifting its carefully cultivated advantages to competitors through self-imposed barriers. Whether the benefits of reduced labour arbitrage will outweigh the costs of diminished talent attraction remains unclear. What seems certain is that other nations stand ready to welcome the exceptional individuals America may no longer want.

For global Big Tech and Indian IT firms, the $100K will clearly make them put their house in order and re-evaluate how they plan to hire and deploy human resources in the coming months.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

American novelist and writer F. Scott Fitzgerald was born on this day in 1896. Here is a quiz on one of the greatest American writers of the 20th century

Sindhu Nagaraj

QUESTION 1

What is the term he popularised which depicted the flamboyance and excess mainly in the period between 1920 and early 1930s? He has written a short story collection which talks about this period.

QUESTION 2

This Side of Paradise was Fitzgerald's first novel which propelled him to fame. The writer took inspiration for the title from a line in a poem called *Tiare Tahiti*. Who wrote the poem?

QUESTION 3

Fitzgerald frequented Europe after he established himself as a serious writer. During this time, he befriended many writers and artists, including Ernest Hemingway. What was this cohort called? The term was also particularly used to refer to a group of American expatriate writers living in Paris during the 1920s, and was popularised by Gertrude Stein.

QUESTION 4

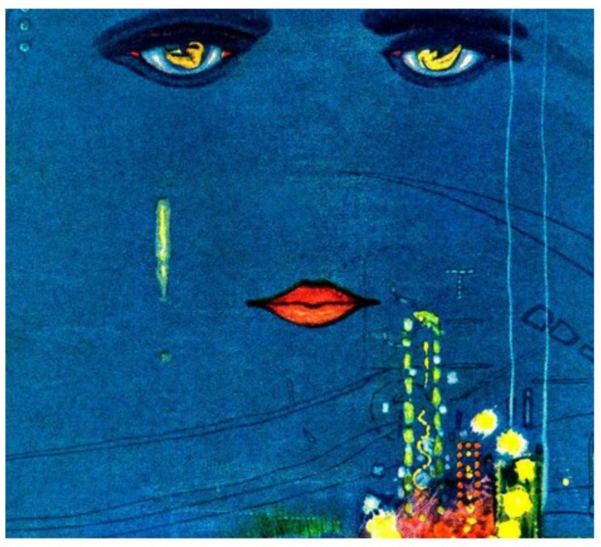
Name the 1938 American film which was written by Fitzgerald. This is his sole screenplay credit.

QUESTION 5

American socialite Ginevra King inspired many characters in the novels written in the 20th century, one of them being this character in Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby*. Which is the famed character?

QUESTION 6

This 2008 American romantic fantasy drama film directed by David Fincher was adapted from Fitzgerald's 1922 short story of the same name. Name the work.



Visual question:

How is this 1924 painting related to Fitzgerald? What is it called?

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The five 'parameters' often used in linguistic descriptions of sign languages. **Ans: Handshape, orientation, location (place of articulation), movement, and non-manual expression.**

2. The most-used sign language in the world, in terms of users, according to Ethnologue. **Ans: The Indo-Pakistani Sign Language.**

3. The term "classifier" refers to this. **Ans: A handshape that represents a category of objects or people, used to convey information about their size, shape, or movement**

4. The primary purpose of fingerspelling in sign languages. **Ans: To represent proper names, technical terms, or words for which there is no established sign**

Visual: Identify this sign language. **Ans: American Sign Language**

Early Birds: Tito Shiladitya| Maanas Nair. G

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

Upendran

"I did everything that he asked me to. Now the thing won't even start."

"Who asked you to listen to that dumbo?"

"That what?"

"D..u..m..b..o.. The first syllable 'dum' rhymes with 'come', 'sum' and 'gum'. The second syllable rhymes with 'toe' and 'go'."

"The stress is on the first syllable, I suppose?"

"That's right! Any idea what 'dumbo' means?"

"Someone stupid?"

"Very good! 'Dumbo' is an informal word meaning 'stupid'."

"In some of our movies, the hero is a dumbo."

"There are very few of those. In most of our movies, it's the policemen who are presented as a bunch of dumbos."

"That's very true."

"Some people use 'dumbbell' instead of 'dumbo'. The two words mean the same."

"I see. So, can I say, Kalyani is not a dumbbell?"

"You certainly can. Who is the dumbbell who tore my shirt?"

"I have no idea. Sujatha uses the word 'loony' very often. Do 'loony' and 'dumbo' mean the same thing?"

"No, they don't. A 'dumbo' is a stupid person. A 'loony', on the other hand, is an eccentric or crazy person."

"My father tells me that his office is full of loony people."

"You should meet the loony characters in my family! My uncle is as potty as they come!"

" 'Potty'? Does it mean eccentric too?"

"Yes, that's right! 'Potty' is an informal word mainly used in British English."

"Is it O.K. to say some of our politicians have very potty ideas?"

"Just be glad that not all of them have potty ideas!"

"That's true! By the way, I met that silly cousin of yours yesterday."

"Who? Gopa? Where did you meet that nincompoop?"

"That what?"

"N..i..n..c..o..m..p..o..o..p. The I in the first syllable 'nin' sounds like the I in 'it', 'pit' and 'fit'. The 'o' in the second syllable is pronounced like the 'a' in 'China'. The final 'poop' rhymes with 'soup' and 'loop'. And the stress is on the first syllable."

"What does it mean?"

"It means 'silly' or 'foolish'. For example, there are times when I wonder why my friend Usha married a nincompoop like Umesh."

"Perhaps she is a nincompoop too!"

"The world is full of nincompoops."

"That's true. You are the biggest nincompoop I know."

"And you are the biggest nitwit!"

" 'Nitwit'? Does it mean the same thing as 'nincompoop'?"

"More or less. A 'nitwit' is a stupid or foolish person. For example..."

"....our new landlord is a nitwit."

"See. One thing that you have to remember is that 'nitwit' and 'nincompoop', like 'dumbo', 'loony' and 'potty' are used in informal contexts. Be careful how you use them."

Published in The Hindu on March 17, 1998.

Word of the day

Pecuniary:
relating to or involving money

Synonyms: monetary

Usage: *He received thanks but no pecuniary compensation for his services.*

Pronunciation: newsth.live/pecuniarypro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /pɪˈkjuːn(jə)ɹi/

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IAF's Sarang to take part in festivities

The Ministry of Defence says the team will be performing over the Bannimantap ground in Mysuru

MYSURU DASARA

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Sarang Helicopter Display Team of the Indian Air Force (IAF) will be performing in Mysuru as part of the Dasara festivities.

The Ministry of Defence said that the team will be performing over the Bannimantap ground in Mysuru. "The team is here to make an impact on the youth of Mysuru and stimulate them to consider Indian armed forces as a prime choice in their preferred career list. It is the endeavour of the team to live up to the unit's motto 'Inspire through Excellence', and motivate the youth of the nation," the Ministry stated.

The Sarang team, formed in 2003, is the brand ambassador of the Indian Air Force.

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Over 1,200 shows

The team has performed over 1,200 shows at more than 386 venues across India and internationally, operating the home grown Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Dhruv built by the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had personally met Defence Minister Rajnath Singh with a request to facilitate the air show during the Dasara festivities.

An air show was conducted in 2019, but was subsequently cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It resumed in 2023.

Earlier this year, Sarang Helicopter Display Team, which has displayed its formation aerobatics skills in the Aero India shows for the last two decades, did not participate in the 2025 edition of the air show held in Bengaluru due to grounding of the ALH Dhruv helicopter fleet.

The armed forces had temporarily grounded all their 330 ALHs following the January 5 crash of the Indian Coast Guard's ALH Mark-III in Porbandar, Gujarat, during a training sortie that killed all three crew members onboard the helicopter.

Besides, the HAL had advised civilian operators to ground the helicopter till the cause of the crash is identified.

In May, the Army and the Air Force versions of the helicopter were cleared for operations.

Thousands render 'Naada Geethe' to mark its centenary

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

People taking part in the mass rendering of 'Naada Geethe' (State Anthem) in Mysuru on Tuesday. M.A. SRIRAM

The strains of 'Naada Geethe' reverberated across the Manasagangotri campus, as thousands of students, artists, and professional singers rendered it in unison to mark the centenary of the State Anthem on Tuesday.

The mass rendering was a tribute to poet laureate Kuvempu, who composed it in his early 20s and was associated with the University of Mysore as a student, lecturer, and Vice-Chancellor. The event also marked the inauguration of the poets' conclave (Kavigoshti), a highlight of Mysuru Dasara, which is under way being hosted by the university.

The mass rendering of the 'Naada Geethe' was held at the open air auditorium, turning it into both a celebration of Kannada identity and a homage to one of its greatest literary voices.

Inaugurating the poets' conference and the mass rendering of the 'Naada Geethe', writer Aravind Malagatti said that the State government should conceive of a slew of events to mark the centenary of the State Anthem. He mooted the idea of inviting international poets and conducting a conference to mark the landmark occasion.

He described 'Naada Geethe' as a jewel in the crown of Karnataka and stated that its rendering had become a tradition celebrating the beauty and glory of the State.

Minister for Kannada and Culture Shivaraj Tangadagi said that Mysuru Dasara was the pride of the State with a historical legacy spanning centuries. It was befitting that the centenary of 'Naada Geethe' was also being celebrated as part of Dasara poets' conference, he stated.

Registrar M.K. Savitha said that the University of Mysore had always accorded importance to culture, literature, music, and theatre, alongside academic pursuits. The fact that Kuvempu was associated with the university had also enhanced its prestige and the mass rendering was conceived to pay tribute to the poet, she added.

Kuvempu, she recalled, was the first Kannada writer to be honoured with the Jnanpith Award, further adding to the prestige of the university, which conceived of a tribute to Kuvempu by hosting the Dasara Kavigoshti or the Kavi Sammelana.

The centenary event drew participants from all walks of life, including students, faculty, professional singers, and cultural troupes.

City of palaces dazzles with Dasara lights

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

A view of the illuminated Mysuru palace on the occasion of Dasara festivities on Tuesday. M.A. SRIRAM

Drenched in festive spirit, Mysuru is aglow with dazzling lights with the Dasara illumination adding grandeur to the city of palaces.

Energy Minister K.J. George inaugurated the lighting spectacle at the Green Canopy on Sayyaji Rao Road on Monday evening. The illumination, one of the biggest attractions of Mysuru Dasara, has grown bigger and brighter each year, drawing huge crowds eager to witness the city lit up in magnificence.

Organised by the Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC), this year's display covers 136 km of roads and 118 junctions, and will sparkle for 21 days – from September 22 to October 12, following Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's direction for a 10-day extension. Nearly 80 LED replicas depicting varied themes have been installed across the city.

According to CESC, the lighting will consume around 300 kW of power and 2.57 lakh units of electricity.

Adding to its magnificence, Kolkata-style lighting has been introduced at select locations, bathing streets in vibrant patterns. Key stretches, including the palace surroundings, Sayyaji Rao Road, Irwin Road, Albert Victor Road, JLB Road, Chamaraja Double Road, and major circles such as the K.R. Circle, Chamaraja Circle, Jayachamaraja Circle, and LIC Circle have been lit up, drawing praise from visitors.

"This year's illumination has been made more attractive and grander than before. We are even aiming for a Guinness record. The Chief Minister had directed us to make it spectacular. Let everyone enjoy the illumination and celebrate Dasara joyfully," said Mr. George.

The inauguration was attended by Suja George, wife of the Minister; Tanveer Sait, MLA for Narasimharaja; Ramesh Bandisidde Gowda, Chairman, CESC; K.M. Munigopal Raju, Managing Director, CESC; and other senior officials.

Meanwhile, CESC has urged citizens to exercise caution, maintain distance from poles and electrical fixtures, and remain vigilant during rain.

A 24x7 helpline (1912) has been set up for complaints.

Drone Show

A major draw this year will be the Drone Show at Bannimantap Parade Grounds, another CESC offering. Building on last year's 1,500-drone spectacle, this year's shows will feature 3,000 drones on September 28, 29, October 1, and 2, creating beautiful patterns in the night sky.

Navaratri Utsav at Sri Kanchi Shankara Mutt

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The Navaratri Utsav Music series organised by the Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam started in Bengaluru on Monday at the Sri Kanchi Shankara Mutt, on Sri Kanchi Mahaswami Chandrasekhareendra Saraswathi Marga, Malleswaram. This annual celebration will feature a rich lineup of classical music concerts, beginning daily at 6.30 p.m. up to October 2. The festival commenced on Tuesday with nadaswaram performance. Vocal concert was the highlight on Wednesday. Vocal concert by Brinda Manikavasagam on September 24. Namasankeerthanam by Udaiyalur Kalyanaram Bhagavathar on September 25. The series continues with performances by Bharat Sundar (September 26), Amritha Murali (September 27), and a duet by Abhishek Raghuram and Shruti Sagar (September 28). On September 29, Kunnakudi Balamurali will take the stage, followed by a violin duet by Dr. L. Subramaniam and Ambi Subramaniam on September 30.

The final two days will feature a vocal concert by K.S. Vishnudev on October 1. The festival will conclude on October 2 with a veena performance by Jayanthi Kumaresh and a violin performance by Kumaresh.

Durga Puja

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Utsav, the socio-cultural organisation in J.P. Nagar, will celebrate its 14th Durga Puja from September 28 to October 2 at Mulki Sunder Ram Shetty Sabhangana, Bilekahalli. This year's theme is "Symphony in Straw - *Khor-Chhabir Kabya*".

For further details visit their website: utsav-bangalore.com

'Symbolic Cauvery Aarti ceremony will be held at KRS'

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Vice-president of State Guarantee Programmes Implementation Authority Dinesh Gooli Gowda and chairperson of BWSSB Ram Prasath Manohar inaugurating the illumination of Brindavan Gardens at the KRS on Monday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

A symbolic Cauvery Aarti ceremony will be held at the Krishnaraja Sagar (KRS) near Mysuru from September 26 to 30.

Speaking to reporters, MLA for Srirangapatna Ramesh Bandisidde Gowda, who is also the Chairman of the Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation, said that along with the five-day Cauvery Aarti ceremony, various other cultural programmes will also be held as part of the ensuing Dasara festival.

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, also the Minister for Water Resources, will inaugurate the aarti ceremony on September 26 in the presence of Minister in charge of Mandya district N. Cheluvarayaswamy.

To facilitate an increased public participation in the programmes organised as part of Srirangapatna Dasara 2025, the authorities will be arranging additional bus services, Mr. Bandisidde Gowda said.

Appeal to public

He appealed to the public to attend the Dasara programmes and the Cauvery Aarti in large numbers and make the event a grand success.

Meanwhile, the illumination of Brindavan Gardens as part of the Mysuru Dasara and the Srirangapatna Dasara was inaugurated by vice-president of the State Guarangtee Programmes Implementation Authority Dinesh Gooli Gowda, Chairperson of Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board Ram Prasath Manohar, and senior officials of the Mandya district administration on Monday evening.

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar will inaugurate the aarti ceremony on September 26 in the presence of Minister in charge of Mandya district N. Cheluvarayaswamy

Srirangapatna Dasara

Mr. Bandisidde Gowda said that Kannada film director T.S. Nagabharana will inaugurate the Jumboo Savari procession at Kirangur Bannimantap on September 25 as part of Srirangapatna Dasara 2025, while Mr. Cheluvarayaswamy will inaugurate the cultural programmes at Sriranga Vedike on Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple premises on the same day.

Mr. Bandisidde Gowda inspected Sriranga Vedike on Monday and the authorities expect around 7,000 spectators to be present for the Dasara cultural programmes.

This year's Srirangapatna Dasara will feature special events such as the Farmers' Dasara, Literary and Cultural Dasara, Dasara Exhibition, Children's Dasara, Women's Dasara, Youth Dasara, Sports Dasara, Film Festival, Marathon, and Trekking.

The film festival will be held on a smaller scale in view of the limited availability of theatres, Mr. Bandisidde Gowda said.

Water sports

The Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports will be conducting various water sports at Hotel Mayura River View.

Additional Deputy Commissioner of Mandya B.C. Shivanandamurthy and other officials were present.

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Funeral on Wednesday **24.09.2025** at "Chamundeshwari Bagh", No 3, Bishop Garden, off Greenways Road, R A Puram, Chennai 600028.

The cortège will leave at 12 noon, cremation at Thiruvottiyur at 1:15 pm. Savandi on Monday **29.09.2025**

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Dharmasthala case: Thimarody externed to Raichur

Puttur Assistant Commissioner passes immediate orders as more cases have been booked against the activist during the course of the externment proceedings

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

The Dakshina Kannada district administration has passed an order externing activist Mahesh Shetty Thimarody to Raichur district for one year, acting on a report of the district police.

Puttur Assistant Commissioner Stella Verghese passed the order on September 18 on the report of Deputy Superintendent of Police, Bantwal, the police said.

Mahesh Shetty Thimarody

In the report to Puttur Assistant Commissioner, the Dy. SP referred to cases booked against Mr. Thimarody and expressed the need to extern him "in order to maintain law and order in the district."

Justice for Soujanya
Thimarody has been spearheading the campaign seeking justice for the 2012 rape-and-murder victim Soujanya.

It was in the houses of Thimarody and his brother that 45-year-old Chinnaiah, the complainant in the alleged case of mass burial of bodies, had stayed days before he was arrested by the Special Investigation Team on August 23.

Thimarody was among the 36 persons in the district against whom the police had initiated externment proceedings to maintain communal harmony in June this year. He was facing 20 criminal cases. During the pendency of the proceedings, six more cases were registered against him.

Latest cases
The latest cases include alleged assault on a television channel reporter near a Belthangady private hospital along with another activist Girish Mattannavar; unlawful assembly in front of the hospital, and obstructing the Brahmavar police when they arrived to secure him from his house.

During a search of the houses of Thimarody and his brother on August 26, the SIT seized 44 articles, including mobile phones of Chinnaiah, laptops containing over 25 videos of Chinnaiah's interactions with media channels and YouTube channels, two swords, and a gun.

On the SIT's complaint, the Belthangady police booked a case under the Arms Act against Thimarody on September 16 under Sections 25(1), 25(1-a) and 25(1-B)(a) of the Arms Act. He had remained at large after this case was booked and did not respond to Belthangady police notice to appear for inquiry.

As he was allegedly involved in fresh cases even as the externment proceedings were on, the AC passed orders to extern him, the police said.

Meanwhile, Thimarody has filed an application seeking bail in anticipation of his arrest in the case for alleged illegal possession of arms.

Bail plea
The bail application under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita was filed before the Principal District and Sessions Judge on Tuesday.

The application will come up for hearing on Wednesday.

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HC stays order capping cinema ticket price

The petitioners questioned the legality of the amendment made to the Karnataka Cinema (Regulation) Rules with effect from September 12, capping the prices of the tickets at ₹200, except in multiple-screen cinemas, with premium facilities of 75 seats or less.

The petitioners pointed out that a similar attempt to cap the ticket prices was made in 2017 by issuing a Government Order (GO), but the order was withdrawn after cinema houses and others questioned the legality of the GO.

Madhu Bangarappa dismisses confusion charge in survey

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Minister for School Education and Literacy Madhu Bangarappa has dismissed the BJP's charges of confusion in the Social and Educational Survey.

Speaking to presspersons in Mysuru on Tuesday, Mr. Bangarappa said barely a day had passed since the survey had started and wondered how the BJP could allege that the exercise was mired in confusion.

He said he would not like to react as as a reply to such an allegation would appear to magnify the confusion.

'Not caste census'
Besides, he said the exercise undertaken in the State was not a "caste census", but a survey to ascertain the educational, social and economic condition of the people to help the government formulate policies for the welfare of the deserving people.

However, a similar exercise planned by the Centre alongside the next country-wide census was a "caste survey".

Makkala Dasara
Earlier, inaugurating the Makkala Dasara programme in Mysuru, Mr. Madhu Bangarappa said the Makkala Dasara was an appropriate platform to identify and bring to light the hidden talents in children while encouraging them.

"The concept and introduction of Makkala Dasara is commendable, and this programme has helped nurture creativity in children", he said.

Many enumerators find it hard to locate houses with RR numbers of meters

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Technical glitches during enumeration, resistance from teachers,-and a lack of interest by people continued to mar the Social and Educational Survey on the second day. Many particularly highlighted difficulty in identifying houses since the Revenue Registration (RR) number of the energy meter is being used to geo-tag residences.

The fortnight-long survey being conducted by the Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes has so far covered about 18,500 households of the estimated 2 crore households in the State.

Highlighting the RR number issue, a teacher in Koppal district said: "It would have been easier to identify the house with the voters' list. We are finding it difficult in identifying houses."

The households have been mapped for the first time using the meter number. Earlier surveys used the voters' list.

A government school-teacher in Dakshina Kannada said that tracing each house in the absence of the list of names of house owners is becoming difficult.

"The app provides us only the numbers on the stickers pasted outside the houses, which are geo-tagged. It is challenging to use the location app to trace the house," said another teacher.

Some teachers refused to join the Social and Educational Survey in Belagavi on Tuesday. P.K. BADIGER

By the end of the second day, the enumeration of 18,487 houses had been completed covering a population of 71,004. The highest number of households surveyed was in Haveri with 2,783, while Tumakuru recorded the lowest at seven. Bengaluru Rural (77 households), Bengaluru Urban (53), Chickballapur (36), Kolar (60), and Udupi (55) were among the districts recording lower numbers.

The teachers have also urged for an extension of time limit for entering the information in the survey app to allow them to obtain necessary documents. "Currently, three minutes are given and after that the process has to begin again," another teacher said.

Refuse to join survey
In Belagavi, some teachers protested against being drafted into the survey work and refused to go for the survey, claiming that the Education Department officials had forced them to join. Seeking exemption from the survey work, they sat in protest.

Though graduate anganwadi workers have been called to assist teachers in the survey work, a representative of Dakshin Kannada District Anganwadi Workers' Union said none have so far come forward.

Glitches continue
In Dakshina Kannada, enumerators continued to face problems logging into the survey app.

They received an upgraded APK file on Tuesday. New enumerators were being drafted to the survey work and trained online in places such as Kalaburagi. In Dharwad, by the time technical issues were sorted, it was already 5 p.m and around 70% of the 4,800 enumerators were able to initiate the process.

(With inputs from Bengaluru, Mangaluru, Hubballi, Belagavi, Kalaburagi, Shivamogga)

Data collection violates right to privacy, petitioner tells court

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The linking of caste particulars with Aadhaar, ration cards, electricity RR numbers, mobile numbers, and geo-tagging of households as part of the Social and Educational Survey, being conducted by the State government through the Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes, violates the fundamental right to privacy under Article 21, it was argued before the High Court of Karnataka on Tuesday.

However, the commission informed the court that there is no compulsion on people to disclose information to the enumerators during the survey.

These submissions were made before a Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice C.M. Joshi during the hearing on a batch of petitions, which have questioned the legality of the survey, on the issue of plea of the petitioners to stay the survey till the court decides the petitions finally.

"The data collected is stored digitally and can be hacked or leaked, or published without the knowledge of the person concerned and the Government Order reveals that the State intends to geo-tag each household, assign a Unique Household ID, and link caste particulars with Aadhaar numbers, ration cards, mobile numbers, and electricity (RR) connections, all without the backing of any specific legislation," it was argued.

Unlike the Census Act, 1948, which provides for purpose limitation, confidentiality, data retention norms, and penal consequences for misuse, the impugned State process is purely executive, lacking statutory safeguards, it has been contended on behalf of the petitioners while claiming that digitally collected data cannot be reversed.

However, the State government has contended that it is "not a caste census", while terming the claim of the petitioners as "mis-characterisation" of the survey. It was argued that the State government is collecting data only to identify the eligible persons to provide benefits under various schemes and it cannot be denied such a right under a federal system.

Meanwhile, the commission's advocate told the Bench that Aadhaar cards are being used only to identify the persons and the commission is not collecting any data from their Aadhaar.

As the arguments remained inconclusive, the Bench adjourned further hearing till September 24.

'It takes time to collect data'

The Hindu Bureau
SHIVAMOGGA

Enumerators of the Social and Educational Survey are spending as much as an hour to collect data of one family. Master trainers were guiding the enumerators and trying to resolve the technical issues at the time of entering data.

In Shivamogga, K.T. Manjula, who met an aged couple in Basavanagudi, had completed responses to 40 out of 60 questions in about 15 minutes. When she was about to seek response from the woman, the process stalled as she was about to take a one-time password to feed details. Even after repeated attempts, the OTP was not generated. By then, the teacher had spent more than 45 minutes at the residence, and the process was incomplete.

The time required for the enumeration of a family depends on the number of family members, and each enumerator has been given 150 houses.

"If there are only two members, we can complete the process within 30 minutes. Each individual has to respond to 40 questions, and then 20 questions are related to the family. In case there are more members, it takes a long time ," said Yathish Gowda, a master trainer in Shivamogga.

Marriage of YouTuber runs into rough weather

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

The interfaith marriage of YouTube comedian Khwaja Bande Nawaz Mahammad Hanif Shirahatti alias Mukaleppa three months ago has run into rough weather. The girl's family has lodged a complaint accusing him of forcibly marrying their daughter after "kidnapping and brainwashing" her, an allegation which has been rubbished by the girl.

Meanwhile, Hindutva outfits have termed it a case of "love jihad" and are seeking action against Mukaleppa. Although the girl, Gayatri Jalihal, had issued a video statement and told presspersons on Monday night that she had married with the consent of her parents, the Hindutva outfits are in no mood to accept it.

As the girl's family had lodged the complaint with the Old Hubballi Station police, the police were searching for the couple's whereabouts. On Monday night, Ms. Gayatri came to appear before the police with her advocate. However, considering the sensitive situation and likelihood of protest by Hindutva outfits, she was questioned at the Vidyanagar police station in the presence of a female officer from the Women and Child Development Department.

Subsequently speaking to presspersons, Ms. Gayatri clarified that they (Mukaleppa and Gayatri) were in love for the last two years and she had married him voluntarily. She also clarified that her parents were aware of it and also consented to their marriage.

'Brainwash' allegation
Interestingly, after she appeared before the police and refused to go with her parents, her parents alleged that their daughter had been "brainwashed" and even said that she had become "insane."

On the contrary, Ms. Gayatri alleged that her parents who had earlier consented to the marriage had been brainwashed by some people because of which they were making contrary statements.

On Tuesday, the girl who is now lodged in the Mahila Santvana Kendra in Dharwad refused to meet her parents. They eventually returned home.

Meanwhile, Sri Rama Sene chief Pramod Mutalik on Tuesday alleged that the Youtuber had duped other girls and the outfit would continue the fight against "love jihad."

Committee formed to review land revenue (Second Amendment) Bill

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Legislative Assembly has constituted a select committee to review the Karnataka Land Revenue (Second Amendment) Bill, 2025, which was taken up for discussion in the recently-concluded Monsoon Session of the legislature.

Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda will be the chairman of the committee. The members are: H.K. Patil, Minister for Law, Parliamentary Affairs, Legislation, and Tourism; A.S. Ponnanna, Legal Adviser to the Chief Minister; MLAs Manthar Gowda, H.V. Venkatesh, Srinivas N.T., Ganesh Prakash Hukkeri, Bheemanna T. Naik, Arvind Bellad, C.N. Ashwath Narayan, and M.T. Krishnappa.

The committee has been given three months to submit its report.

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36 'smuggled' vehicles in Kerala seized by Customs

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

In simultaneous day-long raids across more than 30 locations in Kerala, including the residences of film actors, the Customs (Preventive) Commissionerate, Kochi, seized 36 "high-value second-hand cars" suspected to have been smuggled in from Bhutan over the past few years.

The operation, codenamed "Numkhor" (meaning vehicle in Bhutanese language), saw Customs teams fan out across the State based on a list of 150 to 200 vehicles flagged for irregularities in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways database and suspected to have been smuggled into Kerala through a Coimbatore-based smuggling network.

The Motor Vehicles department, Anti-Terrorist Squad, and Kerala Police extended support. Multiple vehicles belonging to actors Dulquer Salman and Amit Chakkalackal were among those seized.

"These cars were likely smuggled through three methods – either in a completely knocked-down condition, concealed in containers, or driven across the Indo-Bhutan border using permits issued to tourists travelling to India," T. Tiju, Commissioner, Customs (Preventive) Commissionerate, Kochi, told a press conference here.

The names, seals, and insignia of government institutions were forged to fabricate documents for registering vehicles here.

Criminal past alone cannot be a ground to deny bail: SC

A Bench headed by Justice Dipankar Datta sets aside a 2024 Kerala High Court decision, overturning the bail granted to the five 'RSS workers' in the murder of SDPI leader K.S. Shan

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Criminal antecedents alone cannot be a ground to deny bail, especially in cases in which the accused have suffered long incarceration as undertrials, the Supreme Court held in a judgment restoring the bail of five alleged Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) workers involved in the murder of Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI) leader K.S. Shan in Kerala in 2021.

A Bench headed by Justice Dipankar Datta, in a recent judgment, set aside a Kerala High Court decision in 2024, overturning the bail granted to the five men of a total 10 accused persons in the case.

The High Court had set aside the bail granted by a Sessions Court in 2022. The trial judge had reasoned that the accused had been incarcerated for over a year and the Public Prosecutor did not object to a grant of bail.

The High Court, in December 2024, found the Sessions judge had acted in a mechanical manner. The judge, the High Court had noted, did not take into consideration apprehensions that the accused would influence witnesses and tamper with the case evidence.

Rather than sending the case back to the trial judge for a fresh consideration of the question of bail, the High Court cancelled the bail for the five men while also taking into account their criminal antecedents.

Murder and trial

A timeline of the Shan murder case and the trial

SDPI supporters march to the Secretariat in Thiruvananthapuram in 2021, seeking a proper probe into the Shan murder case. S. MAHINSHA

DEC. 18, 2021: SDPI leader K.S. Shan was murdered. According to the prosecution, the accused persons collided their vehicle with the victim's scooter, and then brutally attacked him

DEC. 19, 2021: FIR registered against unknown persons; the accused were arrested later

MARCH 15, 2022: Chargesheet filed against the accused, who were described as activists of a particular political organisation

DEC. 2022: Trial court grants bail to the accused persons through multiple orders

DEC. 11, 2024: Kerala High Court sets aside the bail of five out of the 10 accused, who were directly involved in the murder

Violated bail conditions

The Supreme Court, interestingly, ruled in favour of bail despite allegations made by the State that two of the five accused had violated the conditions of their interim bail by entering Alappuzha district to threaten a person.

The defence lawyers had brushed it off, saying he had only come to attend the trial and the person claimed to have been threatened had denied the allegation.

Shan was murdered in 2021 while returning home on his motorcycle. The attack was said to be a retaliatory act following the killing of an RSS worker, allegedly by SDPI activists.

Justice Datta, who authored the judgment, pointed out that the High Court ought to have considered the fact that the accused had spent over a year behind bars before they were granted bail by the Sessions Court in 2022.

Since then, they have already been on bail for nearly two years until the High Court revoked their bail in 2024.

'Bail is the rule'

"Cancellation/revocation of bail, no doubt, seeks to uphold trial integrity. The dominant purpose thereof is to ensure a fair trial and protect societal interests by preventing persons accused of a heinous or grave crime and having tendencies to influence or intimidate witnesses or to tamper evidence from being released," the court stated.

Justice Datta, said if the accused interfered with witnesses or tampered with the evidence, the courts would be justified in ordering them to be taken back into custody. However, the apex court said it would lean in favour of the "golden rule of bail jurisprudence propounded by Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer of 'bail being the rule and jail an exception'".

Issuing a series of directions to ensure non-interference of the accused in the expeditious disposal of the case, Justice Datta set aside the High Court decision.

"Taking back the appellants in custody for no better reason than that the Sessions Court should not have been swayed by omission of the public prosecutor to raise any objection to grant of bail should not operate to the appellants' prejudice, more so when two years have passed in the interregnum," the Court reasoned.

NIMHANS launches AYUSH-MANN

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS), in collaboration with the Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India, launched AYUSH-MANN, a month-long initiative, on Tuesday, to enhance public awareness on the role of integrative approaches in the treatment of mental health and neurological disorders.

AYUSH-MANN will feature a series of public engagement activities, including an Open Day at the Department of Integrative Medicine, webinars, expert podcasts, panel discussions, and awareness programmes in community spaces such as apartment complexes and old-age homes.

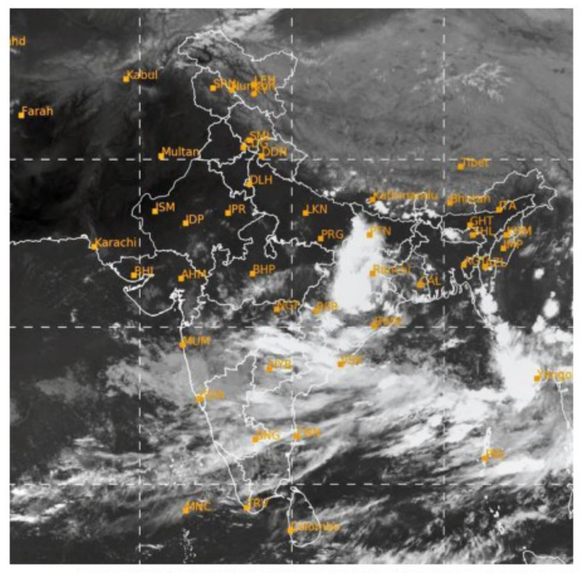
Exhibitions showcasing integrative medicine practices are also part of the initiative. The launch coincided with the celebration of the 10th National Ayurveda Day.

D. Nagaraja, former Director of NIMHANS; B.N. Gangadhar, professor emeritus and former Director of NIMHANS; Satyaprabha, Associate Dean (Basic Sciences); Harsha, Registrar of NIMHANS; and Kishore Kumar R., Head of the Department of Integrative Medicine; spoke at the launch of the programme.

NIMHANS established the Department of Integrative Medicine as an independent unit in 2019. The department brings together Ayurveda, Yoga, and Modern Medical Science, offering a joint consultation model.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.15 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Gangetic West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, Telangana, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and east Madhya Pradesh

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	34.0	25.6	Kozhikode	12	29.4	23.9
Ahmedabad	—	34.0	26.0	Kurnool	0.5	29.2	24.6
Aizawl	12.4	31.8	21.4	Lucknow	—	38.0	26.6
Allahabad	—	35.6	26.2	Madurai	—	38.0	24.6
Bengaluru	2	26.5	20.5	Mangaluru	1	28.9	23.1
Bhopal	—	34.0	23.0	Mumbai	17	30.3	24.2
Bhubaneswar	1.9	29.8	25.1	Mysuru	—	28.0	20.0
Chandigarh	—	36.4	26.0	New Delhi	—	35.7	23.8
Chennai	—	34.8	24.8	Patna	—	33.9	28.8
Coimbatore	—	32.0	22.5	Port Blair	41	29.4	24.2
Dehradun	—	34.9	23.6	Puducherry	—	33.4	24.4
Gangtok	6	25.2	17.7	Pune	9.6	27.4	22.2
Goa	0.8	28.7	24.6	Raipur	—	34.0	24.6
Guwahati	10	34.9	25.8	Ranchi	21	29.6	22.4
Hubballi	—	28.0	22.0	Shillong	—	25.5	17.1
Hyderabad	38	28.6	21.4	Shimla	—	26.8	19.0
Imphal	—	31.8	25.5	Srinagar	—	31.0	13.8
Jaipur	—	36.5	26.4	Thiruvananthapuram	0.5	32.0	25.0
Kochi	8	28.8	24.2	Tiruchi	—	35.1	26.0
Kohima	1	26.6	19.8	Vijayawada	4	33.0	25.2
Kolkata	63	30.4	25.0	Visakhapatnam	—	33.1	26.8

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.14	.14	.41	22	75	
Bengaluru	9	2	.35	55	131	
Chennai	.15	.25	102	17	50	
Delhi	.12	.47	.44	245	153	
Hyderabad	8	.15	.41	109	72	
Kolkata	6	.40	.27	39	36	
Lucknow	.14	.12	.55	182	149	
Mumbai	—	.89	.39	33	68	
Pune	—	.56	.35	37	60	
Visakhapatnam	8	.77	.29	78	101	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Nandesari, Gujarat recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 211 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Shillong, Meghalaya recorded a healthy AQI score of 9

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

INBRIEF

T.N.- based VCK to contest in Kerala local body elections

The Tamil-Nadu based Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi (VCK), led by Ambedkarite leader Thol. Thirumavalavan, is expanding its presence among tea plantation workers in Idukki, Kerala, majority of whom have Tamil origin. The party has announced its plans to field candidates in the upcoming local body elections in the Peerumade Assembly segment. Navas N., Kerala general secretary of the VCK, said on Tuesday that the party would contest the polls in nine panchayats. "Mr. Thirumavalavan and rapper Vedan will campaign in the panchayats," said Mr. Navas.

Man accused of robberies in 5 States escapes police custody

A habitual offender, Battula Prabhakar, 35, who is allegedly involved in a series of robberies escaped from police custody when he was being taken back to prison after a court hearing in Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh. Prabhakar is wanted in 80 robberies reported from A.P., Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka, the police said. "He requested the escort police to allow him to attend nature's call... Prabhakar jumped into the fields and escaped," a police officer said. Two AR head constables who escorted Prabhakar, were suspended on charges of negligence.

Mob sets fire to truck 'transporting beef' in Belagavi

Police have arrested nine people in connection with a mob setting fire to a truck allegedly transporting beef in Belagavi district of Karnataka on Monday night. Members of right-wing organisations waylaid the truck near Sri Siddeshwar Temple. They allegedly found several tonnes of beef being transported from Kudachi to Hyderabad and assaulted the driver. Three were arrested under the anti-cow slaughter Act and six were arrested under BNS provisions of arson, robbery and SC/ST Act.

Jumbo operation

An elephant from Gudalur, Tamil Nadu, believed to have been involved in several negative human-elephant interactions, was tranquillised and captured by the Forest Department on Tuesday. The elephant will be taken to an elephant shelter before release. M. SATHYAMOORTHY

Andhra Pradesh Assembly passes SC sub-classification Bill

The Hindu Bureau
VIJAYAWADA

The Andhra Pradesh Assembly has passed a Bill to implement sub-classification among the State's 59 Scheduled Castes (SCs), aiming to ensure a fairer distribution of reservation benefits in education and public employment.

Tabling the Bill on Tuesday, Dola Sree Bala Veeranjaneya Swamy, Minister for Social Welfare, Disabled, and Senior Citizen Welfare, said the measure seeks to promote fairness and equitable access to opportunities for all SCs in the State.

Currently, SCs are entitled to a 15% reservation in public sector jobs and educational institutions.

Under the proposed classification, Group I - Most Backward (12 castes) will receive 6.5%, Group II - Backward (18 castes) will receive 7.5%, and Group III (29 castes) will receive 1%.

The newly introduced Bill seeks to replace the Andhra Pradesh Scheduled Castes (Sub-classification) Ordinance, 2025 and formalise these provisions through legislative approval.

This move follows the 2024 Supreme Court judgment that upheld the constitutionality of sub-classification within SCs. In response, the State had appointed a one-man commission, led by retired IAS officer Rajiv Ranjan Mishra to recommend sub-classifications among the SCs.

Three arrested for gang rape, murder of woman in Telangana

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Three persons were arrested by the Rajendranagar police for allegedly kidnapping, gang-raping and murdering a 32-year-old woman, whose body was found under a Musi river bridge at Kismatpur village in Telangana on September 14.

The accused were identified as Gulam Dastagir Khan, alias Rehan, alias Five Star, 26; Mohd. Imran, alias Danram, 25; and Meka Durga Reddy, alias David, 33, all drivers by profession, and with criminal antecedents.

Investigations revealed that the victim, who had been missing for three days, was first approached by David. He then gave her alcohol before sexually assaulting her near a function hall.

Later that night, Rehan and Imran are said to have forced her into their rented auto driven her to the Kismathpur bridge, where they gang-raped her. Later, Rehan allegedly beat her to death with sticks and the trio abandoned her body in the nearby bushes.

Further investigation is under way.

Income-Tax department opposes case filed by Vijay against penalty of ₹1.5 crore

Mohamed Imranullah S.
CHENNAI

The Income Tax (I-T) department on Tuesday vehemently opposed a case filed by TVK president and actor C. Joseph Vijay against the imposition of a penalty of ₹1.5 crore for not having voluntarily disclosed an additional income of ₹15 crore during the financial year 2015-16.

Appearing before Justice C. Saravanan, who is seized of a 2022 writ petition filed by the actor against the penalty, I-T department senior standing counsel A.P. Srinivas said the fine had been rightly imposed under Section 271AAB(1) of the I-T Act and therefore, the writ petition must be dismissed.

However, when the petitioner's counsel contended that the penalty proceedings were hit by the limitation period since they ought to have been initiated on or before June 30, 2019, and not on June 30, 2022, the judge asked him to produce by October 10, 2025, a verdict he had delivered in a similar case related to limitation.

Earlier, explaining the background of the writ petition, Mr. Srinivas told the court that the I-T officials had conducted a search and seizure operation on the premises belonging to Mr. Vijay on September 30, 2015, and seized incriminating materials.

The materials indicated that P.T. Selvakumar and Shibu of SKT Studios, the producers of the actor's 2015 film *Puli*, had paid him ₹4.93 crore in cash, apart from ₹16 crore by cheque. They had deposited the Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) only for the cheque amount and not the cash transaction.

When the actor was confronted with the records, he reportedly admitted to having received ₹5 crore in cash, and agreed to pay tax on it. Nevertheless, in order to cooperate with the I-T department, the actor agreed to disclose an additional income of ₹15 crore (including the cash transaction of ₹5 crore) for the financial year 2015-16 and pay the necessary tax on it.

Subsequently, on July 29, 2016, he filed his returns for 2016-17, declaring his total income to be ₹35.42 crore. While filing the returns, he claimed depreciation of assets worth ₹17.81 lakh and sought an exemption for his fans' club expenses of ₹64.71 lakh.However, the department disallowed his claims and passed an assessment order determining the taxable income to be ₹38.25 crore.

Penalty in proportion

Criminal defamation is incompatible with democratic debate

When the Supreme Court of India upheld the validity of criminal defamation in *Subramanian Swamy* (2016), reasoning that reputation is part of the right to life, it may not have anticipated the difficulties of this position. On September 22, during criminal defamation proceedings against the Foundation for Independent Journalism, Justice M.M. Sundresh of the Court voiced his unease at the growing use of criminal defamation proceedings by private individuals and political actors as an insurance against criticism and as a means of retribution. His observation echoes a broader judicial anxiety expressed in recent proceedings against Rahul Gandhi, Shashi Tharoor and other public figures: that the law is being misused. Criminal defamation proposes imprisonment for speech that injures reputation, a remedy disproportionate to the harm caused. Unlike physical harm, reputational injury can be addressed adequately by monetary damages or injunctions. While protecting dignity may justify strong safeguards, protecting reputation seldom warrants criminal punishment. Since 2016, criminal defamation has become a tool of intimidation. Editors of *The Hindu* faced such cases under the Jayalalithaa government, and Mr. Gandhi over remarks about political leaders, with trial courts issuing summons that required the Court's intervention. The tendency of the lower judiciary to issue summons without weighing the threshold of defamatory speech has aggravated the problem.

The law has also become an instrument of propaganda: criminal complainants have weaponised statements taken out of context or distorted in circulation, which the law has compounded by attaching the threat of jail time to contested interpretations. In this way, criminal defamation has fostered opportunistic litigation. For example, Subramanian Swamy versus Sonia Gandhi and Mr. Gandhi (2012-14) entangled rivals in a punishing process rather than seeking timely resolution, while suits filed by Nitin Gadkari and Arun Jaitley against Arvind Kejriwal and AAP leaders kept the Delhi government from performing its duties. For journalists in towns, criminal defamation complaints from local politicians or business interests create the risk of arrest and onerous travel to distant courts, fostering self-censorship. Instead, those genuinely aggrieved can approach civil courts for damages, injunctions or retractions, which address the harm of reputational injury and strike a balance between free expression and protecting reputation. Importantly, civil proceedings also reduce the scope for misuse by the powerful to silence criticism. Many countries, including the U.K., have abolished criminal defamation because such laws are incompatible with democratic debate. It is time for India to follow suit.

Right to state

Recognition of Palestine is more than just symbolic

When the state of Israel was declared in Palestine on May 14, 1948, the U.S. recognised it in just 11 minutes. In the years since, most UN members extended recognition to the Jewish nation, which became a UN member in 1949. When the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) declared a state of Palestine in 1988, much of the Global South recognised it, but powerful western nations stayed away with the position that recognition would come only as part of a negotiated two-state settlement. But this week, at the UN General Assembly, the U.K., France, Canada and Australia finally recognised Palestine, which shows their fraying ties with Israel and diminishing faith in a coercion-free diplomatic process leading to a final settlement. For Palestinians, the western recognition could be seen as a diplomatic respite but comes too late – Gaza has been devastated by Israeli forces; Jewish settlements and Israeli checkpoints have mushroomed in the West Bank; and settler violence has displaced thousands of Palestinians over the past two years. Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu openly declares that there will never be a Palestinian state, and Washington offers Israel unconditional support.

Recognition may not have an immediate impact on the ground. Israel's ruling coalition is incapable of even ending the slaughter in Gaza, let alone discuss a two-state solution. Yet, this wave of recognition is not just a symbolic act. It shows cracks in the post-1948 pro-Israel consensus in the West. The U.K. played a decisive role in the establishment of the state of Israel. France armed it in its early years and helped it build nuclear weapons. These powers bear historical responsibility to find a solution to the problem they were a party to from the beginning. And Palestinians have an internationally recognised right to have their own independent, sovereign state. If Israel does not stop the war in Gaza, which should be the first step, and continues with the settlements in the West Bank, Europe should impose an arms embargo on Tel Aviv. Israel should be warned against annexing the West Bank, which should be treated as a red line. Mr. Netanyahu and his extremist Ministers, though internationally isolated, will not be persuaded. But they will not rule forever. A future Israeli leader could abandon Mr. Netanyahu's militarism. This forever war and genocidal tag are not helping Israel's interests either, even though it allows Mr. Netanyahu to cling on to power. The recognition of today should serve as a stepping stone for a Palestinian state tomorrow. That is the best chance for peace for Palestinians, Israelis and West Asia.

The interpretation of the law in Trumpland

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There are more than 1.3 million lawyers in the United States, of whom more than 2,50,000 are criminal defence lawyers. Prosecuting attorneys at the State level are about 35,000 in number and about 90 are federal prosecutors. There are more than 4,00,000 law firms in the country, that range from solo practices to large legal firms. The top 30 corporate law firms employ anywhere between 1,000 and 4,000 lawyers each.

What weaves these facts together are some patterns. First, that the top lawyers have large salaries and assets. Second, among this top rank of wealthy attorneys, there is a disproportionate number of revolving door veterans, who have monetised skills and networks gained in one sector (typically, the government) to make enormous sums in another sector (typically, corporate law). Third, many of the most successful beneficiaries of the revolving door are attorneys who are willing to take up controversial criminal defence cases, and to become highly visible in political controversies and causes. These patterns have helped U.S. President Donald Trump to avoid legal culpability repeatedly and at the same time to activate, deflect or weaponise the law at all levels.

All these lawyers are personally wealthy, have moved through numerous revolving doors during their careers, and have monetised their ties to one another and to other influence-brokers, lobbyists and to elected politicians, not least to Mr. Trump. Any sociogram of their public roles in the last decade would make Mr. Trump the nodal figure of their power, and thus the object of their unreserved loyalty.

The unfinished tactical skirmishes between the White House, the Congress, the Department of Justice and the attorneys working on behalf of Ghislaine Maxwell, and the growing chorus of Jeffrey Epstein and Maxwell's victims and their advocates, are lapping dangerously close to the toes of Donald and Melania Trump, and the whole Trump family.

Integral to the Trump strategy

Mr. Trump's currently active legal praetorian guard continues a long history in which lawyers have been a vital part of his wealth accumulation and risk mitigation strategies, hired to shield, protect and burnish the vital links between his brand-polishing, his near-fraudulent business tactics, his aversion to taxes, and his obsession with money. The law and lawyers are the medium in which Mr. Trump has been swimming for three decades.

In his career since the 1990s, Mr. Trump, either personally or through one of his companies, has engaged in over 4,000 suits, ranging from defamation to breach of contract, from tax fraud to unmet contractual obligations, from sexual exploitation to inciting mass violence.

> The formula is to avoid legal culpability and, at the same time, to activate, deflect or weaponise the law at all levels

The thread that links these hundreds of suits is that they amount to a business strategy for Mr. Trump, which is founded on a mix of bullying, gambling, evading negative court rulings and enforcing settlements. Indeed, Mr. Trump believes in the law as the main means for making adversarial deals out of court. Courts for Mr. Trump are not tools for obtaining equity, justice or compensation. They are a path to Deals. I have argued elsewhere that Mr. Trump's obsession with deal-making is not about contracts, markets or even about business. It is about winning, either monetarily, reputationally or politically. His completely chaotic approach to tariffs is a clear index of the complete absence of any rational economic calculus in his tariff roller coaster. In the end, tariffs on Brazil and massive extortion from Columbia, Harvard and many other universities belong to the same family of deal-making, which is proudly promoted in the title of Mr. Trump's 1987 book.

Mr. Trump's reckless misuse of the Constitution and his open cynicism about the law as the glue of contractual stability and social reciprocity are grounded in his view of his lawyers as his weapons. We do not know how many of Mr. Trump's 4,000-plus deals he won or lost. But there is ample evidence that many of them were settled "out of court", with optimal money gains for Mr. Trump and minimum concessions of guilt on his side.

These hired legal revolvers are the tools of Mr. Trump's assault on most democratic institutions and their liberal foundations, in which the sabotage and subversion of the law have been a consistent feature. American universities have been ravaged by new readings of the laws that govern civil rights, affirmative action and racial discrimination. The Congress has been effectively neutered as an organ for overseeing the powers of the executive. The idea of precedent has been cynically suborned by mining it for obscure justifications of tyrannical policies towards migrants, aliens and tourists. The Constitution has been given renewed vitality in the protection of felons, sex offenders and thieves but has been leashed in matters of academic speech, immigrant rights and press freedom. Impunity in the face of the law is the calling card of the Trump regime.

Beyond letter and spirit

Yet, the law has been the primary recourse of any principled effort to resist Mr. Trump. From Mahmoud Khalil to E. Jean Carroll, from Harvard to The Wall Street Journal, from Maurene Comey to Gavin Newsom, the law is the frontline and the foundation of most efforts to delegitimise Mr. Trump. But it is hard to deny that Mr. Trump's multiple efforts to subvert the Constitution through its most vulnerable parts appears to be doing vastly better than those of its opponents. How has this been accomplished?

One argument for Mr. Trump's legal victories in law has pointed to his willingness to sacrifice the spirit of the law in favour of the letter. This theory too is not entirely satisfactory, since it overlooks Mr. Trump's cherry-picking of the letter of the law to favour his preferred versions of its spirit.

The truth is that Mr. Trump is equally capricious about both the letter and spirit of the law, and typically subordinates them to any goal which serves his interests. Hence, the idea that he values the letter over the spirit of the law gives him too much credit for some sort of principle.

Another tool in Mr. Trump's subversion of the law to advance his personal pride, prejudice and pocketbook is his success in seducing the Congress, especially The House of Representatives, into his personal dominion. The ruling icon of Congressional subservience to Mr. Trump is MAGA Mike Johnson, the Speaker of the House.

The creation of a complex machinery

As far as the law is concerned, this last factor, the principles of reasonable doubt, the presumption of innocence and the right to avoid self-incrimination have been steadily converted from protections for the innocent into the privileges of scofflaws. The biggest such scofflaw is Mr. Trump himself who has escaped massive indictments by one or other loophole designed for more exalted purposes. But he has set the pace for numerous others to escape the full force of the law by turning the fine points of a legal criminal defence into a complex machinery for minimising, delaying or eliminating punishment for criminal wrongdoing.

The sobering fact is that 90% of criminal cases in the U.S. are settled by plea bargains, arrangements (often with no public disclosure of their negotiating background) between prosecutors and defence lawyers, blessed by judges, to save time, reduce legal costs and prevent massive logjams in court dockets. This pragmatic motivation combines with the more exalted doctrine of the presumption of innocence, to help someone such as Mr. Trump, who exploits the weaknesses of the judicial system. His commitment to a winning deal, in every aspect of his life, is realised by recruiting lawyers who can get him to a favourable deal as independently of the law as he can manage. The Letter of the Law, for Mr. Trump, is just a springboard to the Spirit of the Deal.

Getting GST 2.0 to run like a well-oiled machine

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The clearance by the Goods and Sales Tax (GST) Council at the 56th GST Council meeting on September 3, 2025 of the GST reforms has transformed India's indirect tax framework. As this writer engages with industry leaders, both big and small, the more I realise the depth of this change, which compels me to write again on the subject, unfolding its newer dimensions.

This is a historic stride in simplifying the GST. Having worked on indirect taxes for decades, I can say with confidence that the scale of reform, and its implications for consumers, micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSME), industry and the wider economy, are immense.

Consistent advocacy

From the moment the reforms were announced, the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) moved quickly. Its advocacy on GST 2.0, since December 2024, through reports, studies, multiple governmental engagements at the central and State levels, and press releases had consistently highlighted the need for rate rationalisation, simpler classification, and reduced compliance friction. MSMEs had shared their struggles over classification disputes, high taxes on essentials, inverted duty structures and cumbersome procedures. Many of these concerns were decisively addressed on September 3.

The reforms collapse the old four-slab structure (5%, 12%, 18% and 28%) into a simpler set: a low rate of around 5% for essentials, 18% as the standard, and 40% for luxury and sin goods. Numerous daily-use items – household goods, toiletries, and small appliances – have been shifted to lower slabs. Just as important, procedural simplifications have been introduced: stock adjustments without complete relabelling, clearer classification norms, faster refunds and easier compliance for small firms.

For consumers, the benefits are direct and visible. Goods that earlier attracted 12% or 18% tax will now face 5% or less. In her interviews, the Finance Minister underlined the point that "99% of goods and services will now fall under zero, 5% or 18%, with only 1% in the luxury or sin categories". This is not rhetoric. It means real savings for households, especially middle- and lower-income families, and will help moderate inflation.

> What will ensure the success of GST 2.0 is the bedrock of trust — between the government, industry and consumers

Multiple gains

For industry, particularly MSMEs, the gains go deeper. Input costs will decline, litigation will reduce, and compliance burdens will lighten. For Fast-Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG), textiles, small vehicles, appliances, cement and farm equipment – sectors often squeezed by inverted duties or higher rates – this is structural relief. CII member-companies have already pledged to pass on these savings to consumers. In fact, several are planning to extend benefits that are over and above the GST rate reductions.

The CII is also engaging with authorities on labelling and packaging adjustments to ensure smooth transition. Awareness sessions – virtual and in person – are being conducted nationwide so that businesses of all sizes understand the reforms clearly.

These changes are not without precedent. The Economic Survey had repeatedly flagged the costs of multiple slabs, classification disputes, compliance burdens and delays in input credits. It had urged simplification and greater ease of doing business, especially for smaller enterprises. Thus, GST 2.0 is the fruition of long-standing policy analysis.

The Finance Minister herself has called the reform process "rigorous but rewarding", noting that the Prime Minister had directed her months earlier to make GST "simplified, not simplistic". She stressed the need to reduce litigation and enhance predictability.

Her observation that even public sector insurers are committed to passing on rate cuts to policy-holders sets an important benchmark for all industries: the purpose of reform is not just to cut rates but to deliver benefits to the final consumer.

This writer believes that the economy will see multiple ripples. A boost in consumption, especially of non-luxury goods, is very likely, particularly in rural and semi-urban areas, given the factor of high price sensitivity. Inflation will face moderation in those components of the consumer basket that were experiencing sharp increases. MSMEs will see improved margins, less capital tied up in compliance delays and a clearer tax regime. For GDP growth, projections from analysts suggest that the reforms may add over one percentage point to growth via acceleration in demand. There will be short-term revenue cost for the Centre and the States, of course (estimates put the revenue foregone in tens of thousands of crores), but these may be compensated through increased consumption, greater compliance, formalisation and fiscal buoyancy.

The work ahead

Going forward, however, implementation is everything. It must be ensured that tax cuts are not "captured" upstream and that consumers actually pay less. It must be ensured that administrative systems such as the Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN), State revenue departments, metrology, and labelling authorities are ready to power on. Particular attention must be paid to MSMEs, as they may lack sophisticated accounting or legal advice.

The CII will work on capacity-building for smaller firms so they can adjust. We also need strong feedback loops: items that cause classification confusion must be reviewed; transition issues for unsold stocks, labelling, packaging, old inventory must be handled sensitively.

This writer sees GST 2.0 as a defining reform. The CII and its industry-members are not just applauding; they are ready to partner with the government in ensuring that the promise becomes reality. The trust between government and industry and industry and consumers is the bedrock of the success of this reform. On behalf of the CII, this writer is committed to working tirelessly so that GST 2.0 is truly delivered on the ground. We had asked for it. Now, we have to play our role in full.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Issue of defamation

The suggestion by a sitting judge, that it is time for decriminalising slur to stem the proliferation of defamation suits, needs to be heeded by all (Front page, September 23). With political practices and parliamentary decorum plumbing ever new lows, it has become commonplace to convert seemingly public interest litigation to 'publicity interested litigation'. The tendency to score brownie points or settle political fights has, however, found a playfield in courts, stretching the sacred tenets of the law to absurd lengths.

Jose Abraham,
Vaikom, Kottayam, Kerala

Neighbours and matches

The Indian skipper's comment that India-Pakistan is not a rivalry anymore in cricket borders on a lack of professional humility ('Sport' page, September 23). Despite India's dominance over Pakistan, the spirit in which the matches have been played in Dubai and the handshake row begs the question whether these matches should be played in the first place.

Thomas Palocaren,
Vellore, Tamil Nadu

Portal and a glitch

There is a technical issue with the official High Security Registration Plate booking portal, which is blocking citizens in Telangana from completing the mandatory booking process. I have been trying to book/register the plate for my vehicle for over two months, but the issue persists. Upon entering my vehicle's registration number, the portal displays the error message, "Please input Correct Registration Number of Telangana State." This is not a user error, as I have verified the details against my vehicle's Registration Certificate.

Anand Kumar Chavan,
Hyderabad

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Lessons from India's vaccination drive

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Vaccination is one of the most effective and cost-efficient public health measures, saving millions of lives. India's Universal Immunisation Programme (UIP) is the world's largest, and annually vaccinates 2.6 crore infants and 2.9 crore pregnant women. It contributed to a decline in under-5 mortality from 45 to 31 per 1,000 live births between 2014 and 2021, according to the Sample Registration System 2021.

The UIP offers free immunisation against 12 diseases – 11 vaccines nationwide and one vaccine in endemic areas. In the past decade, six vaccines – Tetanus and Adult Diphtheria, Inactivated Poliovirus, Measles-Rubella, Rotavirus, Pneumococcal Conjugate, and Japanese Encephalitis – were added to the UIP across age groups.

India's full immunisation coverage was 62% in 2014 (National Family Health Survey-4, 2015-16). To achieve 90% coverage, India launched Mission Indradhanush (MI) in 2014. In 2017, it launched the Intensified MI (IMI) programme to strategically target low-coverage areas and missed populations. By 2023, 12 phases of the MI and IMI had been completed, vaccinating 5.46 crore children and 1.32 crore pregnant women. The MI and IMI phases were integrated into campaigns such as the Gram Swaraj Abhiyan and the Extended Gram Swaraj Abhiyan to further the outreach. As a result, full immunisation coverage increased in 2024-25.

However, challenges remain in reaching remote and migratory populations, clusters with low awareness, and populations with vaccine hesitancy. Innovative strategies such as 'zero-dose' outreach, digital tracking, and infrastructure improvements are being used to address these gaps.

Vaccine coverage

India has maintained its polio-free status since 2011 through continued stringent surveillance. Lessons from the National Polio Programme have strengthened the UIP and vaccine-preventable disease surveillance. India also achieved maternal and neonatal tetanus elimination in 2015 and was declared Yaws-free in 2016.

Between 2017 and 2019, through the nationwide Measles-Rubella catch-up campaign, 34.8 crore children aged 9 months to 15 years were vaccinated, alongside the introduction of the rubella vaccine into the UIP. The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted routine immunisation services, causing setbacks in the gains made under UIP. Disruptive measles outbreaks between 2022 and 2024 signalled immunity gaps and affected large clusters of unimmunised children. In response, the IMI 5.0 in 2023 targeted under-five children across the country. The Zero Measles-Rubella Elimination campaign was launched in 2025 to boost public awareness about immunisation. These efforts aim to surpass 95% national Measles-Rubella coverage and build strong herd immunity.

Tech integration

India has prioritised cold chain logistics, system strengthening through the Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission, and vaccine delivery and vaccination using the U-WIN platform. Building on the success of CO-WIN, U-WIN enables end-to-end digital vaccination and record keeping and tracking of vaccination for pregnant women and children up to 16 years. It enables nationwide, anytime-anywhere access for vaccination services, especially for migratory populations. Complementary digital technologies include the electronic Vaccine Intelligence Network for vaccine stock, the National Cold Chain Management Information System for real-time cold chain tracking, and the SAFE-VAC module for vaccine safety reporting.

> There remains a need to closely link high-quality and sensitive disease surveillance with immunisation efforts, as well as monitoring of anti-vaccine narratives

During the COVID-19 pandemic, India was a frontrunner in vaccine development. The COVID-19 vaccination programme was launched on January 16, 2021, just weeks after the global rollout. By January 2023, over 220 crore doses had been administered, covering 97% of citizens with one dose and 90% with both doses, marking a great achievement in public health on the global stage. Despite pressure from various sectors, India relied on its domestic vaccine development and manufacturing capacity.

With proactive public-private partnerships, India not only met its national needs but also supported many low and middle-income countries through the Vaccine Maitri initiative, reflecting the spirit of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (the world is one family). India is now the world's largest vaccine manufacturing hub. With the 'Make in India' strategy, the country has the potential to transform the future global vaccine landscape.

India's immunisation achievements over the past decade are path-breaking and globally recognised as a model for emulation. On March 6, 2024, India received the Measles and Rubella Champion Award from the Measles and Rubella Partnership, honouring its efforts in the South-East Asia Region.

India has made remarkable strides in expanding vaccine coverage, strengthening supply chains, enhancing surveillance, and building public trust. Notwithstanding these achievements, there remains a need to closely link high-quality and sensitive disease surveillance with immunisation efforts, as well as monitoring of anti-vaccine narratives. For a country's pandemic/epidemic preparedness, the immunisation and vaccine-preventable disease surveillance has to have a ONE-HEALTH lens. This would mean nurturing existing platforms and integrating joint surveillance of human, animal, and environmental systems.

Once again, anger over Almatti

The old issue has resurfaced, posing a challenge to the Congress government

STATE OF PLAY

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The Almatti dam dispute, which had shaken political and inter-State relations in the late 1990s and early 2000s in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh, has resurfaced in Telangana.

Recently, Karnataka decided to raise the height of the dam, claiming that it aligns with the 2013 Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal-II (KWDT-II) Award and utilises "excess water flowing into the sea". This has revived apprehensions in Telangana about irrigation being impacted.

The dam, part of the Upper Krishna Project in north Karnataka, is a hydroelectric and irrigation facility on the Krishna river. Originally designed with a Full Reservoir Level of 524.256 metres, it was capped at 519.6 metres with the Supreme Court's intervention.

As a lower riparian State, Telangana relies heavily on Krishna flows for drinking water and irrigation in its southern districts. Any attempt to raise Almatti's storage would mean holding back more water upstream, leaving little for projects downstream.

The issue has expectedly ignited a political battle in Telangana between the Congress and the Opposition Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). The BRS has accused Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy of not speaking openly on the issue. BRS leader B. Vinod Kumar has pointed out that Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has already formally opposed Karnataka's move and has demanded to know why Telangana has not shown similar urgency.

Mr. Reddy has often assured the people that "not a drop of Telangana's share will be compromised." But these remarks were made in the context of Telangana's disputes with Andhra Pradesh. On the Almatti dam, his silence has only provided ammunition to the Opposition. MLC K. Kavitha said that Telangana would be left with no water, which would allow people to "play cricket in the Krishna river".

Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy has clarified that Telangana will present its case before the Supreme Court, where the matter is still pending. He added that the State would, if necessary, initiate contempt proceedings, as the Brijesh Kumar Tribunal's Award (KWDT-II Award) remains under a stay. The minister is also scheduled to attend the KWDT-II hearing on September 23.

The stakes for Telangana are high. Large sections of the population in Mahabubnagar, Nalgonda, Ranga Reddy and Hyderabad's surrounding rural belts depend on the river. Drinking water and irrigation projects such as the Palmuru-Ranga Reddy Lift Irrigation Scheme, the Dindi project, the Srisailam Left Bank Canal, and numerous medium irrigation systems, draw water from Krishna inflows. Memories of past droughts and crop failures make water a politically explosive subject.

For the Congress, the timing could not be worse. With local body elections looming, rural voters, particularly farmers, are watching the government's response closely. If seen as failing to defend the State's interests, the government risks a backlash.

Almatti has historically been a flashpoint. In 1996, the Andhra Pradesh Congress Legislature Party leader, P. Janardhan Reddy, led a delegation to the dam site, raising tempers on both sides of the border. Under pressure, the Chandrababu Naidu-led Telugu Desam Party government also mobilised against Karnataka, sending its own delegation. The issue triggered law-and-order issues in the border districts. Though it subsided with judicial intervention, the latest decision to raise the height of the dam has revived memories of past conflicts.

For Telangana's farmers, Almatti is not only a legal matter, but also one that concerns their survival. Telangana's immediate focus will be on the KWDT-II hearing. Maharashtra's opposition to the new height will add weight to the State's argument.

Beyond the courts, the larger challenge for Congress is political. With the BRS planning to highlight the issue, the Congress cannot afford to appear passive. Almatti could well become the rallying point for the Opposition to corner the Congress government during the local body elections. Also, with the stage set for a potential face-off between two Congress-ruled States, the party high command's reaction will be important. The only solace for the Telangana Congress is that reservoirs under irrigation projects are overflowing and tanks are filled to the brim due to heavy rains this year.

Share of U-rated films highest in Malayalam, lowest in Bhojpuri

Between 2017 and 2025, the Central Board of Film Certification altered more than 720 hours of film content

DATA POINT

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The Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) certified nearly 18,000 films in India between 2017 and 2025. These included films from the largest (or major) Indian language industries – Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, and Bhojpuri – as well as English; and also smaller industries, such as Odia and Gujarati. The major industries secured at least 1,000 certifications each during this period.

The CBFC's ratings show that among the major film industries, Malayalam emerged as the most "family-friendly", with the highest share of U-rated certificates in this period, followed closely by Tamil. Bhojpuri had the lowest share of U-rated releases. In fact, it was the only one among Indian language industries where a lower share of films was certified U compared to the English film industry.

These conclusions were drawn from data collated by CBFC Watch, an independent research project dedicated to exploring film censorship actions across India. The analysis includes all films and music videos longer than 60 minutes. So, it is reasonable to assume that most of them are full-length feature films. The open source data base was developed by Diagramchasing.fun.

Ratings

Film certifications fall broadly under three groups – adults only (A), unrestricted for all ages (U), and parental guidance/general audience (UA). **Chart 1** shows the share (in %) of movies rated U, U/A, and A within each language category in the 2017-2025 period. Most Indian language films were rated U/A. In every language, over 50% of the films were rated U/A.

With respect to A-rated content, only Telugu and Kannada films crossed the 10% mark. The highest share of films rated A was recorded in the English language category (more than 16%). Among Tamil and Malayalam films, the share of A-rated titles was lower than 7%.

These findings focus on the major film industries. Smaller industries are those where the number of movies released is relatively low. When we consider them as well, the narrative shifts a little and Odia emerges as the most family-friendly film industry with around 42% of films rated U. Only 1.2% of Odia films were rated A – the lowest share across all languages – followed by Gujarati (2.3%).

It is worth noting that an Odia dub of a Tamil film is treated as an Odia release in this analysis. This applies to other languages too. Moreover, there have been instances where the same film, when released in different languages, has received different ratings. In such cases, the versions are counted as separate films, since certification is the focus of this study.

Modifications

Before assigning ratings, the CBFC reviews a film's content. This process may result in deletions, additions, or replacements of scenes, dialogues, or music. Collectively, these are called modifications.

Between 2017 and 2025, the CBFC altered more than 720 hours of film content. The changes included deletion of scenes or music, replacement of dialogues, and insertion of metadata such as anti-smoking warnings.

Nearly 550 hours (76%) of the modified content were deletions, about 80 hours (12%) were insertions, and less than 35 hours (5%) were replacements. The remaining changes involved other types of modifications. These figures refer to the total duration of content altered, not the number of cuts. A single cut can range from several minutes of deletions (removing a song) to just a second (muting a word). **Chart 2** illustrates this split.

Deletions, insertions, and replacements can be applied to visual scenes, music, or dialogues. Data show that over 366 hours of modifications involved visual scenes (50%), 183 hours involved music (25%), and close to 120 hours (17%) were metadata insertions such as warnings. **Chart 3** illustrates the split.

Understanding the cuts

To better understand these terms, let us look at specific modifications in popular films. In *Viduthalai Part 2* (2024), starring Vijay Sethupathi and Manju Warrier, a line about voting being used as a weapon was added. This action falls under the category of an 'insertion' and the media element involved in this case was 'text dialogue'. Whenever anti-smoking messages are overlaid on the screen, they are also categorised as 'insertions'. In this case, the media element is 'metadata', since the warning does not alter dialogues or visuals.

In the Academy Award-winning 2019 Korean film *Parasite*, scenes involving stabbing, blood on the face, and intimate moments on a couch were removed. These changes are categorised as 'deletions', with the affected media element being 'visual scenes'. In total, 3 minutes and 54 seconds of content was modified in *Parasite*.

This pairing – deletions of visual scenes – was the most common form of censorship. As noted earlier, deletions made up 76% of all actions, while visual scenes accounted for 50% of the modified media elements (Charts 1 and 2).

In *OMG 2* (2023), starring Akshay Kumar and Pankaj Tripathi, scenes depicting the "messenger of God meditating and bathing" were replaced with approved visuals. This falls under 'replacements', with the affected media element being 'visual scenes'. In *Dabangg 3* (2019), instead of muting profane dialogues, the CBFC substituted them with milder expressions. These, too, are categorised as 'replacements', but the affected media element in this case is 'dialogues'.

On the cutting room floor

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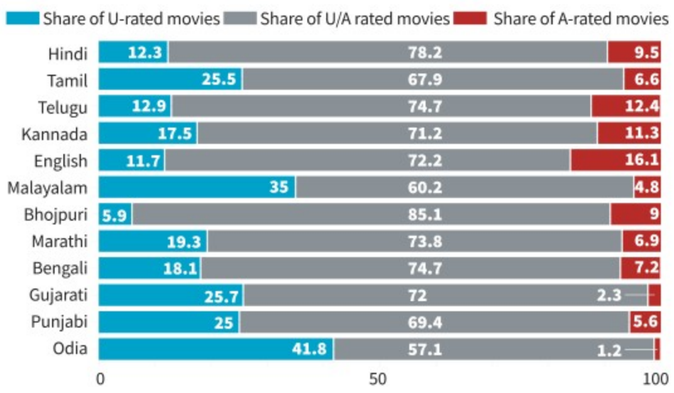
Chart 1: The chart shows the share (in %) of movies rated U, U/A and A within each language in the 2017-2025 period



A still from the 2025 Malayalam film "Lokah Chapter 1: Chandra". Among Tamil and Malayalam films, the share of A-rated titles was under 7%.

Chart 2: The total duration of content altered (in hours) on the basis of the type of alteration between 2017 and 2025. A single cut can range from minutes of deletions (such as a full song) to one second (such as muting a word)

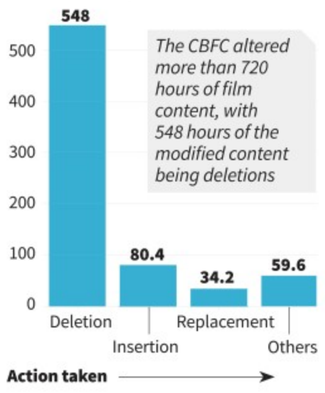
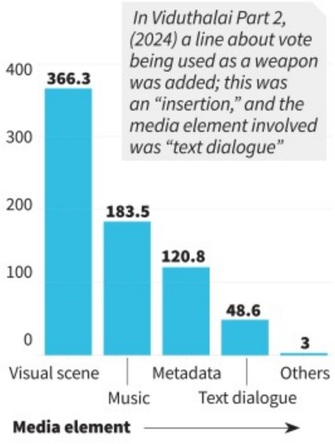


Chart 3: The chart shows the total duration of content altered (in hours) on the basis of the media element involved between 2017 and 2025



FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 24, 1975

Another attempt on Ford's life: woman arrested

Washington, Sept. 23: The U.S. President, Mr. Gerald Ford, escaped unharmed after another attempt on his life was made by a woman, who fired a gun as he came out of a San Francisco hotel yesterday afternoon.

The gun was deflected, even as it went off, by an alert bystander, and Secret Service guards, who immediately formed a human shield around Mr. Ford, pushed him into a car which sped away to the airport from where the Presidential plane took off from Washington within half an hour of the incident.

Yesterday's shooting came 17 days after another woman was foiled in a similar attempt to kill the President. In that episode, which took place in Sacramento, also in California State, the would-be assassin, who pointed a gun at him from close range, was disarmed before she could fire the gun. In both incidents Mr. Ford became a target while he was shaking hands with well-wishers in the street.

While the first would-be assassin, Lynette Fromme, now in custody, was a 23-year-old follower of convicted mass killer, Charles Manson, the second woman, Sarah Jane Moore, who was seized with a gun yesterday was a well-to-do 46-year-old mother, who claimed she was an informer for the FBI before she became devoted to radical left-wing causes. Only the previous day the San Francisco police had found her with another gun. Though that weapon had been confiscated, she had not been detained.

Security around the President had been tight since the first attempt on his life, but the gregarious Mr. Ford, who loves crowds, had ignored advice that he avoid, as far as possible, wading into unscreened crowds in public, where a gunman might be lurking. It was not known, if at the time a shot was fired at him, Mr. Ford was protected by the bullet-proof vest he had begun wearing since the first assassination attempt.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO SEPT. 24, 1925

Nature's havoc

Geneva, Sept. 23: The Maharaja of Patiala, in a long speech in the Committee, opposed the Italian scheme for mutual assistance in case of disaster like floods, famines, and earthquakes, as it was impracticable. He pointed out that the scheme excluded the so-called endemic calamities.

From Page One

Nine electrocuted as rain pounds Kolkata

Power supply remains shut down in parts of the city as a matter of "abundant caution, considering public safety, due to extreme water-logging as a result of incessant rainfall", the CESC said. "Kindly note that street light poles and traffic lights are not owned, maintained or managed by CESC," the company said in a social media post.

Kolkata Municipal Corporation Mayor Firhad Hakim said that the city had witnessed abnormal rainfall overnight, resulting in extensive waterlogging. "All KMC emergency services are on high alert, with quick response teams working relentlessly to clear waterlogging and restore normalcy," the KMC said in a social media post.

Suburban railway and Kolkata Metro services were severely affected by the deluge. Water entered the tunnels of the North-South Blue Line Metro and services were suspended. Eastern Railway had to reschedule several trains because of water logging, while at least 30 flights at the Kolkata Airport were cancelled and 31 others were delayed.

Water entered many houses and residential complexes in Kolkata, and both government and private hospitals were inundated. Calcutta University and Jadavpur University suspended academic activities and cancelled examinations scheduled on Tuesday. The Chief Minister urged schools in the State to advance the puja vacation for students.

Leader of Opposition Suvendu Adhikari blamed the people's plight on the "disastrous misgovernance of Mamata Banerjee".

With Durga Puja festivities only a few days away, many puja pandals have been submerged under water as well.

'India, China primary funders of Russian war'

He said that if Russia was not ready to make a ceasefire deal, then the U.S. "is fully prepared to impose a very strong round of powerful tariffs which would stop the bloodshed... but for those tariffs to be effective, European nations would have to join the U.S. in adopting the exact same measures".

The European Union, which announced its 19th round of sanctions last week, has not imposed tariffs on India but has sanctioned a number of Indian entities.

Mr. Trump also repeated the claim that he intervened to ensure a ceasefire between India and Pakistan during Operation Sindoor in May. India has consistently denied the claim.

'Seven wars'

Mr. Trump counted the India-Pakistan conflict among the "seven wars" he ended, claiming that "in all cases they were raging with countless, thousands of people being killed".

"No President or Prime Minister, and for that matter, no other country has done anything close to that and I did it in just seven months," Mr. Trump said, enumerating the conflicts between "Cambodia and Thailand, Kosovo and Serbia, Congo and Rwanda... Pakistan and India, Israel and Iran, Egypt and Ethiopia, and Armenia and Azerbaijan".

The government did not respond immediately to Mr. Trump's speech. In August, the External Affairs Ministry had issued a statement refuting the U.S.'s characterisation of India's Russian oil purchases, pointing out that other countries also bought the oil, and that the U.S. continued trade in other items, including critical minerals, with Russia.

It has also stated on a number of occasions, including in the readout of a Modi-Trump phone call on June 17, that the Operation Sindoor ceasefire was agreed upon between India and Pakistan alone and no other country, including the U.S., played a part.

Indian Navy chief calls on Sri Lankan PM in Colombo

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NEW DELHI

Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi, Chief of the Naval Staff, on Tuesday called on Sri Lankan Prime Minister Harini Amarasuriya in Colombo. Their discussion focused on advancing bilateral defence cooperation, particularly maritime security, and continued engagement in Indian-hosted initiatives, including the Admiral's Cup, international fleet reviews, and the biennial MILAN naval interaction.

Admiral Tripathi is on a four-day official visit to Sri Lanka to deepen bilateral naval ties, and explore opportunities for cooperation in the Indian Ocean Region.

On the second day of his trip, the Navy chief interacted with several senior Sri Lankan dignitaries, including the Deputy Defence Minister, Air Vice Marshal, Defence Secretary. The engagements underscored a shared resolve to enhance interoperability, strengthen naval collaboration, and explore avenues for joint training.

Don't let boundary dispute define ties: Chinese envoy

At National Day Function, Ambassador Xu Feihong says trade between the two nations is up 10% and 2.65 lakh visas were issued to Indians this year; his first remarks since Modi's visit to China

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India-China ties reached a "new level of improvement" after the recent meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Xi Jinping in Tianjin, Chinese Ambassador to India Xu Feihong said here on Tuesday. He said the two countries should not let the boundary dispute define ties between them.

Speaking at a function to celebrate China's National Day, Mr. Xu, who was joined by Arun Kumar Chatterjee, Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), said this year marks 76 years of the Communist Party government and 75 years since the establishment of India-China diplomatic relations, which has seen a major improvement in high-level engagements and people-to-people ties.

Mr. Modi and Mr. Xi have met twice in the past year, and both sides have agreed to restore flights, visas, and other bilateral mechanisms after the four-year-freeze on bilateral relations due to the military stand-off at the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

Warming up: An Army jawan looking at the India-China border through a telescope near Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh. FILE PHOTO

'Ups and downs'

"Bridging differences through dialogue has always been the important key to advancing China-India relations," Mr. Xu said, adding that the two countries "should not allow the boundary question that was left over from the past to define the current China-India relations, nor let specific differences affect comprehensive bilateral cooperation". During the LAC stand-off, New Delhi had maintained that normal bilateral relations were not possible without normalcy at the boundary.

"Over the past 75 years, despite the ups and downs, the relationship is overwhelmingly defined by friendly cooperation," Mr. Xu told a gathering of diplomats and Indian invitees. He said the Chinese Embassy has issued 2.65 lakh visas to Indian citizens in 2025 and resumed the facilitation of pilgrims to Kailash-Mansarovar, following which 700 official pilgrims and 20,000 private pilgrims undertook the yatra this year. Mr. Xu said that between January and August, bilateral trade in goods grew 10.4% year-on-year to $102 billion.

These were Mr. Xu's first public comments since Mr. Modi's visit to China on August 30, seven years after his last visit amid a thaw in relations. Last month, the envoy had criticised the U.S. for "bullying" India by imposing 50% tariffs and expressed China's support to India to shore up the international trading order.

India and the U.S. have since resumed trade negotiations, though the U.S. tariffs have not been rolled back. Referring to the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit that Mr. Modi attended, Mr. Xu said Mr. Xi had proposed a "Global Governance Initiative", calling for "adherence to sovereign equality, abiding by international rule of law, practicing multilateralism, advocating the people-centred approach".

Chhattisgarh Waqf chief urges Muslims to skip Garba

Shubhomoy Sikdar
RAIPUR

Chhattisgarh Waqf Board Chairman Salim Raj on Tuesday appealed to Muslim youth to stay away from Garba functions during the Navratri festival. While right-wing leaders have been making such appeals in recent years, this is a rare instance of the head of a Waqf Board doing so.

In a statement posted on the Board's official WhatsApp group, Salim Raj wrote that entering Garba venues with "malicious intent" hurt the sentiments of Hindus, potentially disrupting social harmony.

In the statement, Mr. Raj said if any Muslim individual wished to participate respecting the attire and tradition and obtaining permission from the Garba committees, there would be no objection.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Mr. Raj said he had issued the statement in official capacity and that it was an appeal and not an order. "It's a question of faith after all, Garba is not simply a dance floor," he said.

India to hold mega drone drill 'Cold Start' next month

Saurabh Trivedi
NEW DELHI

The Army, Navy, and Air Force will conduct a joint exercise in the first week of October to test drones and counter-drone systems.

Named "Cold Start", the exercise is likely to be held in Madhya Pradesh. Officials described it as the biggest such drill to be conducted since Operation Sindoor, aimed at assessing the effectiveness and shortcomings of the current air defence capabilities.

Confirming the development, a senior official said the exercise would focus on evaluating operational readiness against evolving aerial threats.

Industry partners, research and development agencies, academia, and other stakeholders too will participate in the exercise.

Speaking at a conference on "Counter UAVs & air defence systems - the future of modern warfare" organised by the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) in New Delhi, the Chief of Integrated Defence Staff, Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit, who was the chief guest at the event, made a pointed reference to Pakistan.

On alert: An Army jawan operating a drone in J&K. PTI

"They too are working to become like India, so we must always stay a step ahead. Our counter-drone and GPS jamming systems performed effectively during Operation Sindoor, ensuring no damage from adversary drones. But the adversary has also learned our capabilities. Next time, we have to be ahead and much better," he said.

SC directs Himachal govt. to be clear on its disaster management measures

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday asked the Himachal Pradesh government to come completely clean on its plans for disaster management, its climate change and tourism policies, constructions and industrialisation, details of mega hydroelectric projects, four-lane highways and even the number of trees felled and prosecutions pending district-wise over the years.

A Bench led by Justice Vikram Nath, in a *suo motu* case, quoted the Supreme Court's observation that "humans, not nature, are responsible for the phenomenon such as continuous landslides, collapsing of houses and buildings, subsidence of roads, etc," against the backdrop of landslides and flash floods which have wrecked the State during the monsoon season.

Course correction: The portion of a road getting washed away as the Beas river is in spate in Kullu, Himachal Pradesh recently. ANI

The court has recorded a series of questions prepared for the State government by its amicus curiae, senior advocate K. Parameshwar, including "whether zoning (if any) is done on the basis of seismic activity/landslides/green cover/eco-sensitivity".

The court has sought if the State has any ecological sites which prohibit industrialisation/bringing up of mega projects.

The Bench has sought details of designated protected areas/reserved forests/wildlife sanctuaries/national parks and eco-sensitive sites in the State and whether the eco-sensitive zones have been notified across the protected areas.

'Change in green cover'

It has sought details of the total designated forest area in Himachal Pradesh and how much of the forest area has been diverted for non-forest use in the last two decades.

The court has sought the details to be placed on record before the next hearing on October 28.

Fresh norms soon to curb road collapses in hilly areas

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

The Union government is "cognisant" of concerns after sections of highways were washed away following cloudbursts and floods in parts of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, and will frame new guidelines to focus on "slope stabilisation" to curb road collapse during natural disasters, a senior official of the Road Transport and Highways Ministry said.

"We will be issuing new guidelines mandating slope stabilisation prior to road construction, rather than as a post-construction measure, in hilly regions. Additionally, we will revise concessionaire agreements to incorporate these requirements for all future projects," V. Umashankar, Secretary, Road Transport and Highways Ministry, told *The Hindu*.

The official said damage to National Highways was mostly observed in sections constructed along riverbanks.

SC links sense of 'stagnation' in lower judiciary to long litigation

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

A Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court headed by Chief Justice of India B.R. Gavai on Tuesday linked the sense of "stagnation" in subordinate judicial services to prolonged litigation and pendency in Indian courts.

The Bench said a weary feeling of inertness was creeping into the ranks of the district judiciary, especially among young minds who spend years in subordinate judicial services with little or no prospect of professional recognition or career advancement. The pendency in district courts is 4.69 crore cases according to the National Judicial Data Grid, of which 3.69 crore are criminal cases and 1.09 crore are civil cases. Justice M.M. Sundresh said a vibrant district judiciary represented a healthy institution and was part of the basic structure of the Constitution. He spoke of a bright law clerk whom he had persuaded to join the judicial service. "I met her recently and she was worried where her career would end up," the senior judge said.

"The idea is for the public to get qualitative services from judicial officers. But when the system does not facilitate these judicial officers, it is acting contrary to the Constitution," Justice Sundresh pointed out.

Justice Sundresh, referring indirectly to the increased flurry of cases coming all the way to the Supreme Court and long pendency or indecision even over bail petitions, said: "The base [district judiciary] must be very strong. If it is weak, litigation would multiply". At one point, Justice Sundresh said what judges do in a year on the Bench, lawyers do in five in the Bar.

Chief Justice Gavai agreed with his companion judge's remarks, adding that "the reason why we are not getting talented people as civil judges is the feeling that they would stagnate. Many of the brilliant people who join the judicial service do not make principal district judge even in 15 or 16 years". The Bench is hearing a reference on whether judicial officers with seven years' legal experience can avail Bar quota for District Judge appointment.

The hearing will continue on Wednesday.

Oxford Big Read competition invites entries from schools

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The Oxford Big Read competition organised by Oxford University Press is inviting entries from students of Classes 1-9 for the event that celebrates reading. The deadline for schools to send entries is October 30, 2025.

The global competition is tailored to different age groups: Level 1 (Classes 1-3), Level 2 (Classes 4-6) and Level 3 (Classes 7-9) with varying degrees of challenges such as designing a book jacket or writing a critical review or comparison of two books.

Participating schools receive complimentary access to the Oxford Reading Buddy platform, with 100 students per school granted a one-month digital subscription. The entries will be judged globally on originality, imagination, clarity, and expression. Additionally, national winners have the opportunity to compete against peers from over 15 countries.

The national-level winners will be announced on November 30, the global winners will be announced on December 30. So far, 1,600 schools have registered for this competition.

The school-level challenges have already begun. No fee is charged. To participate in Oxford Big Read, schools can register at india.oup.com/oxfordbigread. Participation is via schools, and no individual entries are permitted.

Participants will receive exciting prizes from Oxford University Press, along with additional gift hampers and vouchers from Faber-Castell and Amazon. Rewards will range from medals and certificates at the school-level to gift hampers, tablets, iPads, and a special internship opportunity for the Level 3 global winner with the Oxford University Press team.

Additionally, all school-level qualifiers will be entitled to a complimentary three-month digital subscription from Young World Club. For details, schools can write to Priyadarshini Bhattacharyya at priyadarshini.bhattacharya@oup.com

Khalistani leader held by Canadian police

Press Trust of India
TORONTO

The Canadian police have arrested a Khalistani leader, Inderjeet Singh Gosal, in Ontario, over a dozen firearms-related offences.

Ontario Provincial Police officers arrested Mr. Gosal on September 19 for careless use of a handgun and other related offences, *Global News* reported on Monday. Mr. Gosal (36) appeared in court in Oshawa on Monday and was charged along with two other individuals, the report stated.

Mr. Gosal runs a referendum campaign on Khalistan, a post he took over after previous co-ordinator, Hardeep Singh Nijjar, was killed in Surrey, it added.

APPEAL

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Abdul Riyas

CPI expresses concern over GST reforms, Punjab floods

The Hindu Bureau
CHANDIGARH

The Communist Party of India (CPI) on Tuesday said it stood with Palestine, and pledged to intensify solidarity until its people achieved their legitimate rights, including the right to return, the right to sovereignty, and the right to live in peace and dignity in their homeland.

A resolution to this effect was passed during the party's 25th Congress here. The party urged the Government of India to vote consistently in support of Palestine at the United Nations and to extend humanitarian assistance to Palestinians.

CPI Rajya Sabha member P. Sandosh Kumar said the party also passed a resolution on Cuba, condemning the six-decade-long U.S. economic blockade.

He added that the CPI expressed concerns regarding the recently announced Goods and Services Tax (GST) 2.0 reforms, dismissing the government's claims as "hollow". It demanded that Puducherry be included in the 16th Finance Commission. It criticised both the Union and Punjab governments for negligence in maintaining irrigation and drainage systems, which aggravated the floods.

Incessant rain in Kolkata leaves Durga Puja pandals damaged

Several pandals were washed away and many others submerged with south Kolkata being the worst affected; artworks set up for puja destroyed, organisers face paucity of funds; Chief Minister cancels inauguration events, asks people to stay alert

Shrabana Chatterjee
KOLKATA

With only days left for Durga Puja festivities, unprecedented rain and waterlogging in Kolkata on Tuesday has left artists and puja organisers grappling with damaged pandals and ruined plans.

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee cancelled her Durga Puja pandal inauguration programmes for the day, and asked people to remain alert.

The pandals in south Kolkata were the worst hit as it rained more heavily in these parts of the city. Several pandals were washed away, and many others were submerged after incessant rain.

In deep water: Labourers wading through water to deliver Durga idols to their designated pandals in Kolkata after unprecedented rain brought the city to a standstill on Tuesday. DEBASISH BHADURI

Blow to organisers

With grand preparations under way for Durga Puja, which is just three days away, organisers have taken a major hit with artworks destroyed and finances strained.

"Water gushed in from all sides. Now that the rain has stopped, we are trying our best to do some repairs as soon as possible. But we realised one thing – no one can fight nature," Saswata Basu, secretary of the Hatibagan Sarbojanin Durgotsav Committee told *The Hindu* on Tuesday. This year, the Hatibagan committee collaborated with French and Bengali artists to create the puja pandal that has been damaged heavily by the rain.

The sculptors of Kumartuli at Bagh Bazaar have also been gravely affected. "Rainwater flowed here like a flood. We looked at it helplessly throughout the night. Over 60 shops of artists have been affected. We are removing water with buckets. We have no other help," Bankim Paul, a veteran sculptor of Durga idols, said.

The old quarters of Kumartuli, in Sobhabajar, did not suffer major damage as it is on higher ground. However, with only two-three days left to deliver the idols, labourers are struggling to carry hundreds of kilograms of weight on their backs, and wade through knee-deep water across the city.

"Many have fallen ill. We also have to do all the decorations after we take the idols to the pandal. How will we do that in this rain?" Mr. Paul said.

Virtual inauguration

Ms. Banerjee has been inaugurating Durga Puja pandals since September 20, but she suspended her programme due to waterlogging. "I will inaugurate pujas in the district virtually. Everyone needs to be careful for the next few days," Ms. Banerjee said in a statement on Tuesday afternoon.

The BJP sharply criticised the Chief Minister on the social media platform X. "Durga Pujo celebrations are starting this week. Yet, due to Kolkata's extremely poor drainage system, Puja pandals are submerged under water. Years of anarchy under the CPI(M) and nearly 15 years of corruption in the Kolkata Municipal Corporation under TMC [the Trinamool Congress] have forced Bengalis to suffer even during their biggest festival, Durga Puja," the BJP said.

Heavy rain likely in Andaman and Nicobar, says IMD

PORT BLAIR

The IMD has issued a 'Cyclone alert' in Andaman and Nicobar due to a cyclonic circulation over the Bay of Bengal, which is likely to intensify from Wednesday, the officials said on Tuesday. Local port warnings have been issued in the wake of the weather system, which is likely to cause heavy rainfall till Thursday, the officials said. Fishermen have been advised not to venture into the sea along and off the Andaman Sea and Andaman and Nicobar coast till September 25. PTI

Azam Khan, SP leader, out of jail after 23 months

Mayank Kumar
LUCKNOW

Azam Khan

Samajwadi Party (SP) leader and former Uttar Pradesh Cabinet Minister Mohammad Azam Khan was released from the Sitapur jail on Tuesday after spending 23 months behind bars in connection with multiple criminal cases.

Hundreds of party workers and supporters waited outside the jail to welcome Mr. Khan, 77, whose release was delayed by at least two hours due to pending formalities in some of his old cases with the bond fine still unpaid in at least two cases.

Ahead of the SP leader's release, the Sitapur administration imposed prohibitory orders under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) in the areas around the jail to prevent any untoward incidents. Announcements made through loudspeakers warned people against assembling near the jail premises.

Mr. Khan was granted bail on September 18 by the Allahabad High Court in the last remaining case in which the leader was yet to get relief. Over the past seven years, dozens of first information reports have been filed against him, covering a wide range of criminal cases.

Welcoming Mr. Khan's release, Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav said that cases against the leader would be withdrawn when the party came to power. "The release of Azam Khan *saheb* is a matter of relief and joy for him, the family, and all of us who believe in justice. Today, even those filing false cases have learned that every lie has a statute of limitations, as does every conspiracy," Mr. Yadav said.

Amid buzz about Mr. Khan joining the Bahujan Samaj Party, Mr. Yadav described the former Minister as the main face of the SP in the fight against the BJP.

Asked about any future tie-up with the BSP, Mr. Khan told presspersons: "I will get treatment, I want to live, I was not in touch with anyone in jail."

Bihar Assembly polls: INDIA bloc to release manifesto for Extremely Backward Class

Sobhana K. Nair
Sandeep Phukan
NEW DELHI

Getting ready: Preparations under way in Patna on the eve of the Congress Working Committee (CWC) meeting on Wednesday. PTI

Kicking off the campaign for the Bihar Assembly election, the INDIA bloc is scheduled to release a manifesto for the Extremely Backward Class (EBC), a politically crucial segment. The manifesto will be released during the Congress Working Committee meeting in Patna on Wednesday.

Sources said the manifesto would include a promise to bring a law for the EBC similar to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act. This idea has been in the works now for several months and was first mooted by the Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) Liberation.

The INDIA bloc's campaign against the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls has delayed the release of the manifesto. All INDIA bloc leaders will be present during the release.

By the figures of the caste-based survey released by the Bihar government in October 2023, 36% of the State's total population belongs to the EBC, comprising 112 castes.

The Congress's Bihar incharge, Krishna Allavaru, told *The Hindu*, "We will have manifestos for each segment of society. This is the first in that series."

In 1951, the Bihar government took the first step to classify its population based on social and economic backwardness. It composed two lists of Backward Classes comprising Hindu and Muslim caste groups that were not Scheduled Castes or Adivasis but were economically and socially backward. The two lists came to be known as Annexure I and Annexure II, which could be seen categorised as the Extremely Backward Class (EBC) and the Other Backward Class, respectively.

As Chief Minister, socialist leader Karpoori Thakur was the first to extend 12% reservation for the EBCs. Current Chief Minister Nitish Kumar introduced several social welfare schemes for this segment.

The Congress, too, has been making an effort to reach out to this segment. In May, the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, visited Darbhanga to attend the *Shiksha aur Nyay Samvad* (Education and Justice Dialogue). There, he addressed the Backward Class, EBC, Dalits-Mahadalits, and the minority communities, advocating for reservation in private institutions. The RJD, which is part of the INDIA bloc, is planning to field several EBC candidates in the upcoming election.

The CWC is expected to send a strong message against the alleged "vote theft" and against the SIR.

Ahead of its meeting in Patna, the Congress announced the names of CWC members and senior leaders who would address press conferences on its vote theft allegations and *Har Ghar Adhikar* (rights for every household) campaign in as many as 20 districts of Bihar.

In a post on X, Mr. Gandhi linked unemployment to "vote theft". "The biggest problem for youth in India is unemployment – and it is directly linked to vote theft. When any government comes to power by winning the trust of the people, its first duty is to provide employment and opportunities to the youth. But the BJP does not win elections honestly – they stay in power by stealing votes and holding institutions captive," he said.

Modi to transfer ₹10,000 each to 75 lakh women in Bihar under job scheme

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

Narendra Modi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will transfer ₹7,500 crore as the first instalment to 75 lakh women under the Mukhya Mantri Mahila Rozgar Yojana in Bihar on Friday to help them start businesses of their choice.

An official statement from the Bihar Chief Minister's Office on Tuesday said the Prime Minister would transfer ₹10,000 each to 75 lakh women through direct benefits transfer at a function here. He will participate in the event through video conference.

1.11 crore applications

The Rural Development Department, the nodal agency for the scheme, has so far received over 1.11 crore applications from women, while the Urban Development Department will oversee implementation in urban areas.

The scheme aims to create employment opportunities, particularly for rural women, thereby ensuring economic empowerment and strengthening Bihar's economy.

Rural Development Secretary Lokesh Kumar Singh has written to all District Magistrates to organise similar programmes at the district, block, cluster-level federation, and village organisation levels, ensuring participation of Jeevika Self-Help Groups.

Priority will be given to women from economically weaker sections or those without a permanent source of income. Applicants must be in the 18-60 age group, from nuclear families, and not income tax payees. All Jeevika SHG members are eligible. Unmarried adult women whose parents are no longer alive will also qualify.

The State Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, approved the scheme on August 29. Following a six-month performance review, an additional grant of ₹2 lakh will be given to eligible women entrepreneurs. The initial ₹10,000 assistance will not have to be returned.

AIMIM to launch yatra to campaign for Bihar election

Syed Mohammed
HYDERABAD

Asaduddin Owaisi

All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) chief Asaduddin Owaisi on Tuesday reached Bihar to campaign for the Assembly election. His party is likely to field candidates in more than 20 constituencies.

The AIMIM campaign, scheduled to begin on Wednesday, will focus on the Seemanchal districts of Purnea, Katihar, Araria, and Kishanganj. Titled the *Seemanchal Nyay Yatra*, it will include roadshows and public meetings in constituencies where the party has contested earlier.

Mr. Owaisi has for several years sought to expand the AIMIM's presence in Bihar. His primary focus has been highlighting the backwardness of the Seemanchal region, which he has previously attributed to the Rashtriya Janata Dal and the Janata Dal(U) governments.

In the run-up to the polls, the party's Bihar leadership, led by Amour MLA Akhtarul Iman, had sought to join the INDIA bloc. The party, Mr. Iman said, had not asked for Ministerial positions but demanded a special package for Seemanchal, the space to contest six seats, and proportional representation for Dalits, Backward Classes, and minorities. The proposal did not receive a response.

'Visiting constituencies'

Mr. Owaisi said that the cadre had been preparing for several weeks. "The campaign has already begun under the leadership of Mr. Iman. The four-day programme in Seemanchal will entail visiting different Assembly constituencies," he told presspersons.

Tewari's comment on 'Gen Z revolts' triggers exchange of words with BJP

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The BJP terms it a hidden comment on the Gandhi family; the Congress leader hits back

A post on the social media platform X by Congress MP Manish Tewari on the Gen Z-driven revolt in India's neighbourhood led to an exchange of words between him and the ruling BJP over domestic politics.

On Tuesday, Mr. Tewari, in his post, said the recent change in governments in Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, and Nepal powered by protests by the younger generation showed that "entitlement is no longer acceptable to Gen X, Y, Z".

Mr. Tewari wrote, "The toppling of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa in Sri Lanka in July 2023, Sheikh Hasina in Bangladesh in July 2024, K.P. Sharma Oli in Nepal in September 2025 and now the protests against Ferdinand Marcos Jr in Philippines have one word written over them – entitlement is no longer acceptable to Gen X, Y, Z."

He also said, "Watch for my piece on 'The Social Media Trends that toppled or are challenging 'DYNASTS'. Study #nepokids or #TrillionPesoMarch in the meantime".

This was quickly taken up by the BJP as being a hidden comment on the Congress's leadership by the Gandhi family. BJP IT cell convener Amit Malviya termed Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi the "ultimate Nepo Kid" of Indian politics with Puri MP Sambit Patra stating that Indians had already removed the "nepokid" in 2014.

'Regressive politics'

"Senior Congress leader Manish Tewari, member of the G-23 rebel group, takes aim at Rahul Gandhi - the ultimate 'Nepo Kid' of Indian politics. Forget Gen Z, even Congress's own veterans are fed up with his regressive politics. The revolt is now from within," Mr. Malviya said.

"People of India are spiritual and awakened also. They did it in 2014 itself. People of India do not take to the streets to do such things," Mr. Patra said.

Mr. Tewari hit back saying his remarks should not be viewed as Congress versus BJP, but has serious national security implications for the country.

"Everything does not have to be dumbed down to a Cong. - BJP he said she said or targeting X or Y. What is happening in South Asia and East Asia has serious National Security implications and why it is happening needs to be understood in the correct perspective," the Congress leader said.

CPI(M) team on week-long visit to China from Tuesday

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

A six-member delegation of the CPI(M), led by party general secretary M.A. Baby, is on a week-long visit to China at the invitation of the International Department of the Communist Party of China (CPC), the CPI(M) said on Tuesday.

It said the delegation will be in China from September 23 to 30.

"The visit of the CPI(M) delegation is part of the party-to-party exchanges between the CPI(M) and the CPC. The delegation will hold discussions with the leadership of the CPC during its visit," it said.

INBRIEF

Zubeen Garg cremated with State honours in Sonapur

Assam's iconic singer-composer Zubeen Garg was cremated with State honours at Kamarkuchi village in Sonapur on Tuesday. Garg's mortal remains draped in an Assamese *gamosa* were taken to the site from the Arjun Bhogeswar Baruah Sports Complex. His father, wife and other family members accompanied him on his final journey. Garg's body was kept at the sports complex for more than 48 hours. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and Union Ministers Sarbananda Sonowal, Kiren Rijiju, and Pabitra Margherita were present. Earlier in the day, a second autopsy was conducted at the Guwahati Medical College and Hospital along with doctors from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences.

India and Pakistan extend airspace closure till Oct. 24

India and Pakistan have extended the closure of their airspace for each other's civilian and military aircraft till October 24. Both countries have been keeping their respective airspace shut for each other's planes since April after the Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26. They have issued separate Notice to Airmen for extending the closure. Indian airspace will not be open for Pakistan-registered aircraft and aircraft operated/owned or leased by Pakistan airlines/operators, including military flights, according to the NOTAM. The airspace will be closed till 5.30 a.m. IST on October 24.

President lauds women-centric films

At National Film Awards ceremony, Murmu notes recognition of films focusing on women; she calls for adequate representation of women on the jury panels, says films should spread social awareness; receiving Dadasaheb Phalke Award, actor Mohanlal says cinema is the 'heartbeat of his soul'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

President Droupadi Murmu on Tuesday presented the prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke Award for 2023 to actor Mohanlal and gave away awards to the other winners at the 71st National Film Awards ceremony.

"Cinema is the heartbeat of my soul. Jai Hind," Mohanlal said after receiving the country's highest cinema honour.

Congratulating all the winners, Ms. Murmu spoke about Mohanlal's phenomenal contributions, stating that the accomplished actor effortlessly portrayed emotions ranging from the most gentle to the most intense.

She noted that good films focusing on women were being made and recognised. "We all see that women, at some level, struggle with patriarchy and prejudiced attitudes. Today, the award-winning films include stories of mothers shaping the moral character of their children, women uniting to challenge social norms..., the stories of courageous women who raise their voices against patriarchal structures," she said, praising such filmmakers.

Top performances: The President gives the Dada Saheb Phalke Award to Mohanlal, the best male actor award to Shah Rukh Khan for *Jawan* and Vikrant Massey for *12th Fail*; and best female actor award to Rani Mukerjee for *Mrs. Chatterjee vs Norway*. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

The President said there should be adequate representation of women on the central and regional panels of the jury.

Underscoring the importance of cinema in spreading awareness of, and sensitivity to, social issues, particularly among the youth, Ms. Murmu said cinema should not only be popular but also serve a larger public interest. The President commended everyone involved in the award ceremony for encouraging films that focus on children, especially girls. Six child actors won awards this year.

Notable awards

The best male actor award went to Shah Rukh Khan for *Jawan* and Vikrant Massey for *12th Fail*, which was also declared the best feature film. Rani Mukerji got the best female actor award for her role in *Mrs. Chatterjee vs Norway*. The best direction award was bagged by Sudipto Sen for *The Kerala Story* (Hindi), which also won in the best cinematography (Prasantanu Mohapatra) category. P.V.N.S. Rohit and Shilpa Rao were adjudged the best male and female singers for the song *Premisthunna* in *Baby* (Telugu), which also won for the best screenplay (Sai Rajesh Neelam) along with *Parking* (Tamil) and *Chaleya* in *Jawan* (Hindi). The best debut film award went to Ashish Bende for *Aatmapamphlet* (Marathi), and the best popular film providing wholesome entertainment to Karan Johar-directorial *Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani*. Meghna Gulzar's *Sam Bahadur* was the best feature film promoting national, social, and environmental values.

Sudhakar Reddy Yakkanti-directed *Naal 2* (Marathi) was adjudged the best children's film and *Hanu-Man* (Telugu) the best film in the animation, visual effects, gaming and comic category.

The best male actor in a supporting role award was shared by Vijayaraghavan for *Pookkaalam* (Malayalam) and Muthupettai Somu Bhaskar for *Parking* (Tamil). Urvashi won the award for the best female actor in a supporting role for *Ullozhukku* (Malayalam) along with Janki Bodiwala for *Vash* (Gujarati).

The best child artiste award went to Sukriti Veni Bandreddi for *Gandhi Tatha Chettu* (Telugu), Kabir Khandare for *Gypsy* (Marathi), and Treesha Thosar, Shrinivas Pokale and Bhargav Jagtap for *Naal 2*.

The awards for music direction went to G.V. Prakash Kumar in *Vaathi* (Tamil) and Harshavardhan Rameshwar in *Animal* (Hindi); and for lyrics to Karsarla Shyam for the song *Ooru Palleturu* in *Balagam* (Telugu).

Deepak Kingrani won the award for the best dialogue writer for the Hindi film *Sirf Ek Bandaa Kaafi Hai*. *Rongatapu 1982* (Assamese), *Deep Fridge* (Bengali), *Parking* (Tamil), *Kandeelu* (Kannada), *Shamchi Aai* (Marathi), *Puskara* (Odia), *Godday Godday Chaa* (Punjabi), and *Bhagavanth Kesari* (Telugu) won in the language film categories.

Ayurveda can curb lifestyle diseases in India: Jadhav

The Hindu Bureau
GOA

Preventive therapy that traditional medicine offers is a unique opportunity which can be used to control lifestyle diseases afflicting India, Union Minister of State for Ayush Prataprao Jadhav said at the 10th National Ayurveda Day celebrations at the All-India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), Goa, on Tuesday.

Governor of Goa Ashok Gajapathi Raju, Chief Minister Pramod Sawant, and Union Minister of State for Power and New & Renewable Energy Shripad Yesso Naik were among those who participated in the event.

Mr. Jadhav said the celebrations marked a milestone in the Ministry's efforts to promote Ayurveda as a system of health and well-being.

India to submit updated carbon-reduction targets by the beginning of COP30 on Nov. 10

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

India will submit its updated Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) around the commencement of the UN Climate Change Conference COP30 in Brazil on November 10, likely with an increased target for energy efficiency improvement, sources in the Environment Ministry indicated to *The Hindu*.

India last updated its NDCs in 2022, when it committed to reduce the emissions intensity of its GDP by 45% of 2005 levels; source half of its electric power capacity from non-fossil fuel sources; and create a carbon sink of at least two billion tonnes by 2030.

Emissions intensity of the GDP refers to the amount of carbon emitted per unit of GDP and does not mean a reduction in net emissions. As of December 2023, India reported to the United Nations climate-governing body that the emissions intensity of its GDP had been reduced by 33% between 2005 and 2019. This June, India reported installing at least 50% of its power capacity from non-fossil fuel sources.

Clean energy: India has committed to source half of its electric power capacity from non-fossil fuel sources by 2030. REUTERS

The updated NDCs, or NDC 3.0 as they are called, is expected to reflect the degree of emissions reductions by 2035. So far, only 30 of the 190-odd countries have submitted their NDCs though it is not uncommon for countries to submit their NDCs just ahead of the annual climate talks.

The NDCs are of particular significance this year because Brazil, which assumes the COP presidency in Belém, has stressed that a major effort this year will be to assess what hindered countries from achieving their stated NDCs. All commitments by countries, even if achieved perfectly, cannot stop the globe from heating to an average of 3 degrees Celsius by the century - well short of the Paris Agreement goals.

Overall, the ambition to undertake significant emission cuts seems muted.

EU target

The European Union has yet to announce a 2035 target, though it has a long-term goal to be "net zero" by 2050.

The EU commission this July had proposed an amendment to the EU climate law enabling a 90% cut in emissions compared to 1990 by 2040.

Though they were to vote on a target for 2035 last week, France and Germany weighed in to postpone a vote on the matter.

The EU is expected to submit its NDCs ahead of COP30 with an indicative 2035 target in a range from 66.25% to 72.5%, compared with the 1990 levels. Australia this month updated its NDCs to say that it "aimed" to cut emissions to 62%-70% of 2005 levels by 2035.

The numbers that have been made public so far will feed into a UN 'synthesis report' expected next month that will add up these numbers to show how far off the globe is from the Paris Agreement targets.

India is also expected to operationalise the India Carbon Market by 2026 – under which 13 major sectors will be given mandatory emission-intensity targets – and can trade their resulting savings,via emission reduction certificates.

Education Ministry to hold a virtual Buildathon contest

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Students in Classes 6 to 12 in six lakh schools across the country are being invited to participate in a virtual Buildathon contest by the Union Education Ministry in October. Students who come up with ideas and products with a focus on self-reliance, indigenous knowledge, and sustainability that can help India reach its goal of becoming a developed nation by 2047 will be awarded from a ₹1-crore prize money pool.

The Viksit Bharat Buildathon, 2025, launched by Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Tuesday, will kick off with a two-hour "live innovation event" on October 13. "There are about 12 crore students in these classes and the aim is to get them innovating on ideas for the future," School Education Secretary Sanjay Kumar said.

Students will then take the rest of October to submit their ideas and prototypes on the Buildathon portal from which winners will be selected at the district, State, and national levels.

The government's aim is to ensure that flyers for the Buildathon, with a registration QR code, are circulated in all schools, with maximum participation. Registration will be open till October 6, after which teachers will have a week to prepare students for the live event. On October 13, the students will be grouped into teams of three or four each to brainstorm ideas during the two-hour event.

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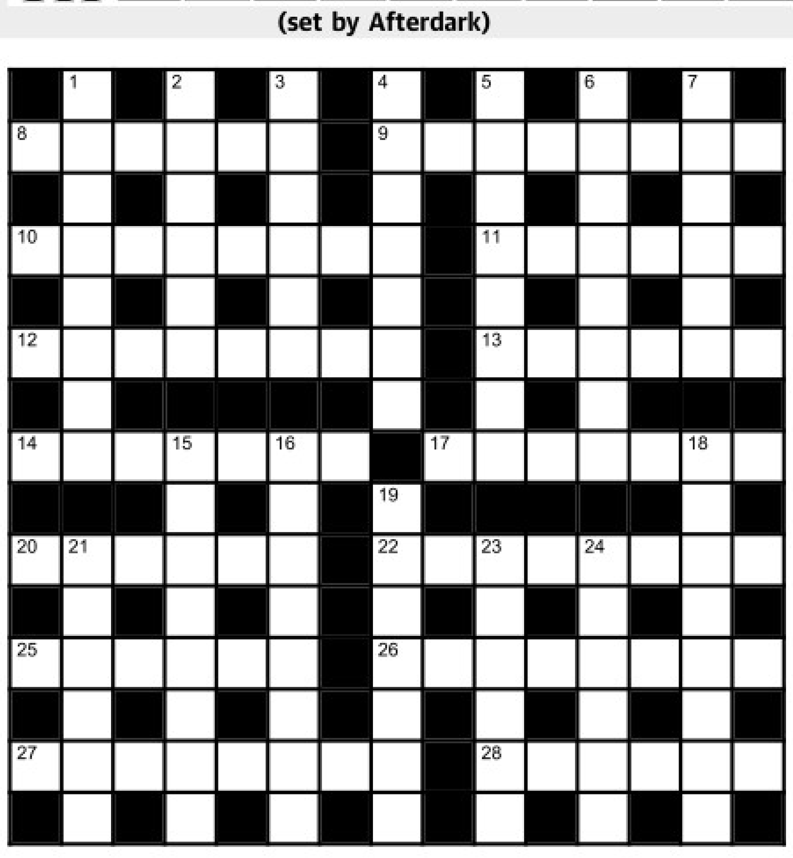

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8 Express right in time (6)
9 Men have vegetables in gardens (8)
10 Organized a party, essentially on open land at Germany (8)
11 Give away battery, one Tesla removed for repair (6)
12 Supply to food shop pure (8)
13 Holiday secrets all over the place, not thrilled primarily (6)
14 Fantastic, inspirational parson leaves in the beginning (7)
17 Looks of snake, etc is creepy? Yes, I would say so (7)
20 Snake crosses shelter to rest (6)
22 Mob never dispersed that month (8)
25 Indian organisation bypasses union to recall AI in the country (6)
26 Decides program is not organised (8)
27 Others' performance in school time was briefest (8)
28 Undergraduate's story on first recital was more revolting (6)

Down

1 Number like ether in theatre's primarily vapourises (8)
2 Ha, artificial intelligence used in West Indies island (6)
3 Unit's association (6)
4 Obey God in commotion for farewell (7)
5 Eccentric big seer primarily chastises cold people (8)
6 Piece of first Persian artefact (8)
7 Models have theory? Ladies are heartless (6)
15 At last, reassure release of one son (8)
16 Looked to change sides? Fascinated (8)
18 Surgeons' home base (8)
19 Children are fast in nabbing first, mischievous (7)
21 Requested for sawn-off shotgun for a change (6)
23 To begin with, Victor and Peter open up room to let out smoke (6)
24 For the most part, a person keeps one lady in the sides (6)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Dharma must be protected

King Pareekshit comes upon a one-legged bull and a sad cow during his *digvijaya*. The bull is dharma devata incarnate and the cow is Mother Earth. In Kalidasa's Raghuvamsa too, the earth is portrayed as a cow, said Valayapet Ramachariar in a discourse. The four oceans are its teats. King Dileepa is shown by Kalidasa as having taken care of the divine cow Nandini. He seeks out the best pastures for her to graze. He swats flies on her back, scratches her back when she feels itchy, and allows her to wander at will. There is a circle of dependency between everything in this world. When we protect cows, they give us milk. Milk and its byproducts are needed for performing yagas. When we perform yagas, Indra is pleased, and gives us copious rains. When there is an abundance of rain, crops thrive. Pastures are nourished by the rains, and cows feed to their heart's content, and give us plenty of milk, and thus the cycle goes on. So, protecting cows leads to the welfare of a kingdom. Dileepa, an ancestor of Rama, knew this.

But here before Pareekshit's eyes is a cow that looks unhappy. So, he asks the cow the reason for its sadness. The cow is sorry because those with dharma are few in number. A man in the guise of a king had been beating both the bull and the cow, and now Pareekshit turns his attention to him and is ready to kill him. The man reveals that he is Kalipurusha. Kalipurusha falls at Pareekshit's feet and asks him to spare his life. Pareekshit says he should leave his kingdom at once. Adharma is Kalipurusha's close companion. If Kalipurusha continues to live in Pareekshit's land, then adharma will have its way. That is something Pareekshit is determined to avoid.

INBRIEF

Rupee hits a new low of 88.73 against 'sliding' U.S. dollar

The rupee slid 45 paise to hit a new low of 88.73 a dollar on Tuesday even as the dollar is depreciating in response to the staggered U.S. foreign policy. The major trigger behind this trend is that there is no clarity yet on the tariffs, currency experts said. Further, the central bank has not made any major intervention. After two consecutive days of depreciation triggered by global factors, the current decline makes rupee the weakest performer among Asian currencies.

SMBC picks up additional 4.22% stake in Yes Bank

Yes Bank on Tuesday said Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC) of Japan has acquired an additional 4.22% stake in the Mumbai-based bank. With the acquisition, SMBC's stake in Yes Bank has increased from 20% to 24.22%. SMBC acquired 132.39 crore shares via off-market sale on September 22, Yes Bank said in a regulatory filing. With the acquisition, the total holding of the Japanese entity in the bank rose to 759.51 crore shares, it said. PTI

Surat-based Rocket raises $15 mn in seed funding

Rocket, an AI-powered app-building platform, on Tuesday said it has raised $15 million (about ₹133 crore) in seed funding led by Salesforce Ventures and Accel. The Surat-based start-up said the capital will be deployed to bolster research and development, accelerate product innovation, and expand its global footprint. As part of its growth plans, Rocket will establish a North American headquarters in Palo Alto, California, and expand engineering and product teams in India. PTI

Accenture proposes new campus in AP, eyes adding 12,000 jobs

Reuters
HYDERABAD/BENGALURU

Tech consultancy Accenture has proposed setting up a new campus in the southern Indian state of Andhra Pradesh, aiming to eventually add about 12,000 jobs to its workforce in India, three sources familiar with the matter told Reuters.

The move follows similar deals by IT firms Tata Consultancy Services and Cognizant, which are leveraging a new state policy offering leased land at ₹0.99 ($0.0112) per acre to large firms willing to generate employment.

India is already Accenture's largest employee base globally, with more than 300,000 of its 790,000 employees based in the country.

As part of the proposal being reviewed by the state government, Accenture has requested land of about 10 acres in the port city of Visakhapatnam on similar terms, the sources said, requesting anonymity as the matter is private.

Accenture did not respond to Reuters' request for comment.

The Andhra Pradesh government is eager to bring in Accenture, a state official said, adding that while approvals may take time, the proposal is expected to be cleared.

"It is not an unreasonable ask by Accenture, and the proposal will go through," the official said on condition of anonymity.

GST rate cut, festival offers skyrocket auto sales: SIAM

Tata Motors sees more than 10,000 cars and SUVs delivered and over 25,000 inquiries received on Day One of Navratri; Maruti Suzuki witnesses "phenomenal customer response in 35 years"

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

In an encouraging start to the Navratri festival season, auto makers have reported robust business backed by the cut in Goods & Services Tax (GST) beginning Monday.

"The start to this festive season has been extremely encouraging. The recent GST reduction and special festive offers have sparked an extraordinary wave of consumer interest and enthusiasm," said Shailesh Chandra, President, SIAM and MD, Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Ltd and Tata Passenger Electric Mobility Ltd.

Business unusual: Maruti Suzuki says it received 80,000 enquiries on the first day of the festive season when GST 2.0 kicked in. PTI

On the first day of Navratri, Tata Motors had reported deliveries of over 10,000 cars and SUVs and received over 25,000 inquiries, the company said.

Maruti Suzuki India Ltd., the country's largest car maker, said the response from customers had been "phenomenal" – something it had not seen in the last 35 years.

"On the very first day, we recorded 80,000 enquiries, and have already delivered over 25,000 cars, with deliveries expected to touch 30,000 shortly. Since September 18, when we announced additional price reduction (over and above GST), we have received 75,000 bookings, with nearly 15,000 bookings coming in every day – about 50% higher than usual," the company said in a statement.

"Enquiries remain very high, and we may even run out of stock for certain variants. Compared with last year, the overall response has been exceptionally strong," the company said.

Private sector growth loses some steam in Sept., PMIs show

Reuters
BENGALURU

India's private sector growth remained strong in September but cooled from August's multi-year high as softer demand tempered new orders and failed to translate into faster job creation.

HSBC's flash India Composite Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), compiled by S&P Global, fell to 61.9 this month from a final reading of 63.2 in August and below a *Reuters* poll median forecast of 62.9.

However, it was the second-sharpest rate of expansion in just over two years and was comfortably above the 50-mark separating growth from contraction. The moderation was seen across the economy, with both factory output and services growth cooling from last month.

IT stocks fall for second day; Hexaware Tech declines 5%

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

IT stocks fell for the second day in a row on Tuesday, amid concerns over the hike in U.S. H-1B visa fees.

Hexaware Technologies tumbled 5.04%, Mphasis declined 2.58%, Mastek Ltd lost 2.40%, Tech Mahindra fell by 2.07%, HCL Tech dipped 0.74%, Tata Consultancy Services (0.38%), Wipro (0.26%) and Infosys (0.16%) on the BSE.

The BSE IT index declined 0.63% to 34,769.38.

"FMCG, IT, and realty lagged, with IT feeling the impact of worries about rising US visa fees (H-1B) and their possible effect on earnings," Ajit Mishra, SVP - Research at Religare Broking Ltd, said.

IT stocks also dropped on Monday. Last week, the U.S. announced a one-time $100,000 fee on H-1B visas.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	TUESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	82,102	-0.07
US Dollar	88.73	-0.50
Gold	1,18,900	2.32
Brent oil	67.69	1.91

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2676.40	46.90
Adani Ports	1441.60	-2.60
Apollo Hosp	7684.00	-55.00
Asian Paints	2446.90	-35.80
Axis Bank	1170.80	26.40
Bajaj Auto	8984.50	-70.00
Bajaj Finserv	2084.40	14.90
Bajaj Finance	1025.50	19.00
Bharat Elec	404.45	-1.95
Bharti Airtel	1938.70	-17.50
Cipla	1527.10	-15.10
Coal India	394.05	-0.65
Dr Reddys Lab	1308.40	7.00
Eicher Motors	6990.50	44.50
Eternal Ltd.	338.35	-3.50
Grasim Ind	2813.50	-40.60
HCL Tech	1429.80	-10.10
HDFC Bank	957.20	-7.00
HDFC Life	775.05	-12.75
Hero MotoCorp	5370.50	-59.00
Hindalco	745.90	0.20
Hind Unilever	2522.20	-50.00
ICICI Bank	1394.30	-7.20
IndusInd Bank	755.25	20.95
Infosys	1497.50	-2.00
ITC	403.20	-3.75
Jio Financial Services Ltd.	312.55	-1.30
JSW Steel	1138.40	21.40
Kotak Bank	2047.70	26.00
L&T	3657.60	13.10
M&M	3614.60	29.80
Maruti Suzuki	16097.00	281.00
NestleIndia	1168.40	-19.90
NTPC	343.00	3.80
ONGC	236.66	-0.81
PowerGrid Corp	288.60	1.95
Reliance Ind	1389.80	-0.80
SBI Life	1819.40	-38.30
State Bank	870.60	15.35
Shriram Finance Ltd.	628.80	0.95
Sun Pharma	1631.20	-12.80
TataConsumerProduct	1128.50	-1.60
Tata Motors	701.35	5.10
Tata Steel	173.29	1.90
TCS	3062.40	-11.40
Tech Mahindra	1471.90	-33.50
Titan	3439.20	-18.30
Trent Ltd.	4891.00	-119.50
UltraTech Cement	12401.00	-249.00
Wipro	249.63	-0.70

Schneider, ISRO to offer advanced automation tech

Schneider Electric has partnered with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) to offer advanced automation technology, as per a Schneider Electric statement.

Jio-Blackrock unveils maiden new fund offer

Ashokamithran T.
MUMBAI

Jio Blackrock AMC, joint venture between Jio Financial Services and American investment management firm Blackrock, introduced its first new fund offer on Tuesday.

The Asset Management Company (AMC) will pursue only direct mutual fund business through its technology platform. The company will use AI platform to pick stocks and has systems to narrow the risk of downside volatility to between 2-3%, said Rishi Kohli, chief investment officer, Jio Blackrock AMC.

Through technology, the company "aims to transform traditional and alternative data – ranging from social media conversations to satellite data –

into investible insights for the benefit of the Indian investors," the company said, adding it would focus on long-term returns.

The entry of Jio-Blackrock into the already buzzing mutual fund industry assumes importance when seen in the context of analyst commentary and industry data.

In a report, Kotak Institutional Equities said, "India has largely stayed an active market but it runs the risk of passive funds increasing share in overall shareholding of companies. The entry of Blackrock-Jio with focus on passive funds may accelerate the process, as other AMCs may be forced to launch more passive funds to counter the disruption," the research report read.

Jio Blackroack, however, introduced its first fund as an active flexicap fund, contrary to expectations.

S&P retains India's GDP growth outlook at 6.5% on local demand

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

S&P Global Ratings on Tuesday retained India's GDP growth forecast at 6.5% in the current fiscal, citing strong domestic demand amid a largely benign monsoon.

S&P also said it expects a 25 bps (basis point) rate cut by the RBI this fiscal as it revised its inflation forecast down to 3.2% for this fiscal year. India's GDP grew at 7.8% in the April-June quarter.

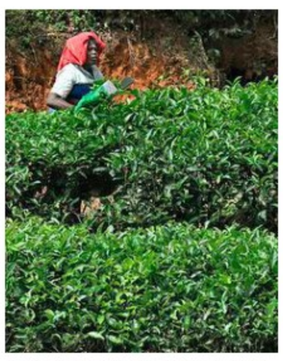
Benign monsoon

"We forecast India's GDP growth to hold steady at 6.5% this fiscal year (year ending March 31, 2026).

"We expect domestic demand to remain strong, supported by a largely-benign monsoon, cuts in the income and the goods and services tax and accelerating government investment," S&P said in a statement here.

'Huge scope for Indian tea sector'

M. Soundariya Preetha
COIMBATORE



India must focus on quality for better realisation and explore new markets, says Perera.

India has all the ingredients to become the superpower of the tea industry, according to the Executive Director of the International Tea Committee, James Suranga Perera.

Mr. Perera, who spoke recently at the India International Tea Convention in Kochi, told *The Hindu* that India was the second-largest producer and consumer of tea and the third-largest exporter. Of the total global tea output of 7.074 billion kg and consumption of 6.97 billion kg in 2024, India produced 1.303 billion kg and consumed 1.22 billion kg.

Largest exporter

On exports, Kenya, which is the largest exporter of tea, ships almost the entire quantity it produces and China, the second-largest exporter, consumes locally a substantial volume of the tea it produces. Sri Lanka shipped 245 million kg worth $1.4 billion.

However, India exported 255 million kg worth almost $800 million. Hence, India should focus on quality to get better realisation and explore newer markets such as South America and Africa, Mr. Perera said.

Per capita consumption

On the domestic front, Indian consumers are increasingly willing to pay more for quality. While India's per capita consumption is 840 gm a year, Turkey's per capita consumption of 3 kg a year is the highest globally.

If the Indian per capita consumption can touch even one kg, it will consume the entire quantity that it produces. "So, the scope is definitely there (for the Indian tea sector)," he said.

ACME Solar gets ₹1,100 cr. from SBI for green unit

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

ACME Solar Holdings on Tuesday said it has raised ₹1,100 crore in domestic funding from the State Bank of India (SBI) for its 300 MW renewable energy (RE) project in Rajasthan.

The funds will be utilised to refinance the existing debt and reduce financing cost by about 100 bps for the Rajasthan project.

This refinancing has been secured from the State Bank of India (SBI) for a tenure of approximately 17 years. ACME Solar Holdings said the refinancing is consistent with the company's strategy to optimise financing costs across its portfolio and strengthen its credit profile through rating upgrades.

The 300 MW renewable energy project in Rajasthan has an operational track record of about six months and has consistently maintained optimum capacity utilisation factor levels. The reduced cost of debt enables ACME Solar to strengthen its financial position further.

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Employment Notification No. WBPDCL/Recruitment/2025/06

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited (WBPDCL), intends to recruit qualified professionals in the post of **'Assistant Manager (PS) - Probationer', 'Assistant Manager (Civil) - Probationer', 'Assistant Manager (HR&A) - Probationer', 'Assistant Manager (IT) - Probationer', 'Safety Officer', 'Operation & Maintenance Supervisor - Probationer', 'Sub-Assistant Engineer (Civil) - Probationer', 'Chemist - Probationer', 'Draughtsman', 'Office Executive', 'Operator / Technician - Probationer', 'Assistant Teacher (High School)'** and **'Librarian'** for its Corporate Office, Power Stations / Projects and Coal Mines spread across West Bengal & Jharkhand.

Detailed specification regarding age, qualification, eligibility criteria, available vacancies, pay etc. are available at our website. Eligible candidates are requested to **APPLY ONLINE only** at the WBPDCL website: www.wbpdcl.co.in (Career Section). ICA- N 470(1)/2025

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संक्षिप्त ई–निविदा सूचना / Brief E-TENDER NOTICE

ई–निविदा सूचना सं./ e- Tender Notice No. CMG/C/CON/258716-(I) तिथि/ Date. 22/09/2025

Please refer to the work **"Package-17 : Construction of External Service Trenches etc., at (SLC) Tamilnadu on EPC Mode-III. Please note the following change in the Tender for the subject work:**

Sl. No	Read for	Read As
1	Item Rate tender	EPC tender

All other terms & conditions of tender remains unaltered. This amendment also forms as part of the tender document. हस्ताक्षरित- समूह प्रधान, सीएमजी / एसडीएससी शार
Sd/- GROUP HEAD, CMG / SDSC SHAR

COCHIN SHIPYARD LIMITED
KOCHI - 15
(A GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ENTERPRISE)

REF: CSL/MAT/MSC/0300/25 Dated: 20th Sept 2025

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders are invited from Registered Reputed and Licensed Manufacturers / Wholesalers / Distributors towards Rate Contract for Supply of Medicines and surgical consumables for two years.

Tender document shall be downloaded from CSL website (www.cochinshipyard.in) and Central Public Procurement Portal (CPPP) at https://eprocure.gov.in.

Amendments, if any, will be uploaded in the above websites. Bidders are requested to monitor the website till the due date for bid submission.

Due date and time for Tender submission is 15:00 hrs IST on 10 th Oct 2025.

Sd/-
General Manager (Materials)

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER,
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, SUNABEDA.
email : serwsbd2003@yahoo.com

Letter No. 3231 Date: 10.09.2025

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e_Procurement Notice

1. Name of the Work : **Construction of Road Works - 12 Nos.**
2. Class of Contractor : **"A" Class & Special Class of (Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authority.**
3. Estimated Cost : **Varies from Rs.850.00 Lakhs to Rs.1558.33 Lakhs (Approximately)**
4. Details of projects : As per Annexure attached.

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender online for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender	
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Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sunabeda	**CCERWCSBD - Online - 15/2025-26**	**25.09.2025 at 11.00 A.M.**	**29.10.2025 up to 05.00 P.M.**	**28.10.2025 up to 2.00 P.M.**	**30.10.2025 at 11.00 A.M.**	**To be intimated separately**

5. The details of works can be seen from the web site : **https://www.tendersodisha.gov.in**
6. Any Corrigendum / Addendum will be displayed in the above e-tender web site.

Chief Construction Engineer, RW Circle, Sunabeda.
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SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR PROVIDING PROJECT MANAGEMENT CONSULTANCY SERVICES
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

KIADB is inviting tender under Quality Based Consultancy System (QBCS) as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from Consulting Firms under two cover system for the following work:

Name of the work: (1) Project Management Consultancy Services for Formation of Industrial Layout Including Formation of Roads, Including Asphalting, Construction of RCC Side Drains, RCC Cross drainage works, Nala Training Works, RWH & HDPE Water Supply Pipeline at Sanjeevarayanakote Industrial Area, Ballari Taluk, Ballari District, Sector-1. **(2)** Project Management Consultancy Services for Formation of Industrial Layout Including Formation of Roads, Including Asphalting, Construction of RCC Side Drains, RCC Cross drainage works, SWD, OHT Sump, RWH, Rising Main & HDPE Water Supply Pipeline at Sanjeevarayanakote Industrial Area, Ballari Taluk, Ballari District, Sector-2.

- **Last date for submission of bids: 09.10.2025 up to 4:00 pm**

Applicants may download bidding documents from the e-procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
DIPR/CP/LC/2942/2025-26 **Chief Engineer-2, K.I.A.D.B, Bengaluru**

GENEVA

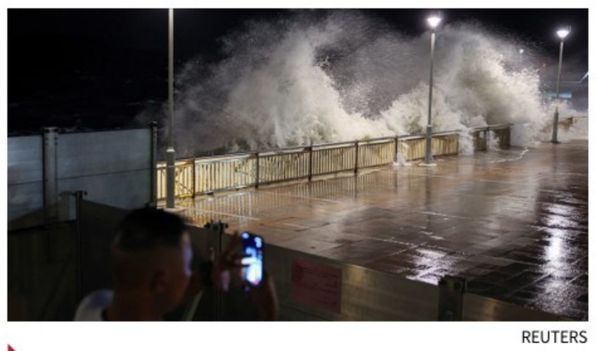
UN slams 'systematic' Russian torture of Ukraine civilians

REUTERS

Russian authorities subjected civilian detainees in Ukrainian areas it occupies to torture, including sexual violence, in a "widespread and systematic manner", the United Nations said in a report on Tuesday. It interviewed 216 civilians released from detention since June 2023, of which a full 92% gave detailed accounts of torture. AFP

HONG KONG

Schools shut, flights cancelled as Typhoon Ragasa nears Hong Kong



REUTERS

Hong Kong and parts of southern China ground to a halt on Tuesday evening as Super Typhoon Ragasa approached with high winds and lashing rain, forcing Chinese authorities to shut down schools in at least 10 cities. Ragasa had already toppled trees, torn the roofs off buildings and killed at least two people in northern Philippines. AFP

TEHRAN

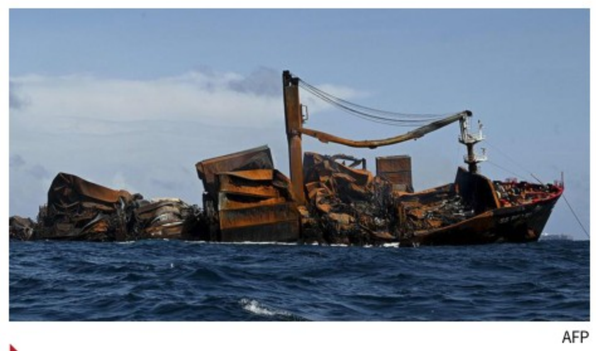
Iran executed at least 1,000 this year in prison 'mass killing': NGO

AP

Iran executed at least 1,000 people so far in 2025, the highest such figure in some three decades, an NGO said, denouncing the "mass killing campaign" in prisons as a crime against humanity. At least 64 people were hanged in the past week, an average of more than nine per day, said the Norway-based Iran Human Rights group. AFP

SINGAPORE

Singapore firm rejects paying $1bn Sri Lankan pollution damages



AFP

A Singapore shipping company said it will refuse to pay Sri Lankan court-ordered damages of $1 billion for causing that country's worst case of environmental pollution. X-Press Feeders chief executive Shmuel Yoskovitz said he believed paying would have wide-ranging implications and "set a dangerous precedent". AFP

NATO asks Russia to stop 'escalatory' airspace violations on eastern flank

NATO and allies will employ, in accordance with international law, all necessary military and non-military tools to deter all threats from all directions, says the military bloc; Norway complains of airspace violations by Russia thrice this year

Agence France-Presse
BRUSSELS

On guard: A NATO official assesses the air and surface situation from aboard a surveillance aircraft over Polish airspace. AFP

NATO on Tuesday warned Russia to stop an "escalatory" pattern of airspace violations along its eastern flank, after the alliance held urgent talks about a jet incursion over Estonia last week.

"Russia bears full responsibility for these actions, which are escalatory, risk miscalculation and endanger lives. They must stop," NATO's 32 member states said in a statement.

"Russia should be in no doubt: NATO and allies will employ, in accordance with international law, all necessary military and non-military tools to defend ourselves and deter all threats from all directions," the bloc's statement read

It added that NATO would "continue to respond in the manner, timing, and domain of our choosing" and that the alliance's commitment to its collective defence pact remained "ironclad".

Meanwhile, Norway's government said on Tuesday that Russia had violated Norwegian airspace three times this year, branding the incidents "not acceptable".

It said a Russian SU-24 fighter jet entered Norwegian airspace for four minutes on April 25, followed by a L410 Turbolet transport aircraft that stayed for three minutes on July 24.

Most recently, on August 18, an SU-33 fighter jet was in Norwegian airspace for a minute.

"Russia has violated Norwegian airspace on three occasions this spring and summer," Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Store said in a statement.

Other complaints

In response to the drone raid in Poland, NATO announced it was bolstering its eastern defences to help to counter the threat from Moscow.

Besides Poland and Romania, other eastern flank countries including Romania, Lithuania, Latvia and Finland have seen recent violations of their airspace.

Danish PM flags drone flights over Copenhagen airport

Agence France-Presse
COPENHAGEN

Awry plans: Passengers stand in a queue to get new tickets at the Copenhagen Airport in Denmark on Tuesday. AFP

Large drones that flew over Copenhagen airport for hours and caused it to shut down constituted the "most serious attack on Danish critical infrastructure" to date, Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen said on Tuesday.

Airports in Copenhagen and Oslo reopened early on Tuesday, hours after unidentified drones in their airspace caused dozens of flights to be diverted or cancelled, disrupting thousands of passengers.

"This is part of the development we have recently observed with other drone attacks, airspace violations, and cyberattacks targeting European airports," Ms. Frederiksen said.

She referred to similar drone incidents in Poland and Romania and the violation by Russian fighter jets of Estonia's airspace.

Moscow under scanner

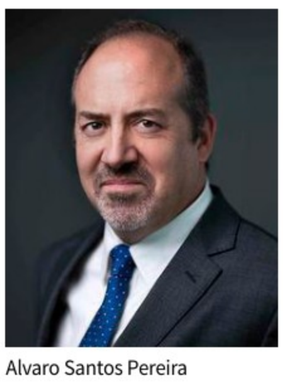
The governments of Poland, Estonia and Romania have pointed the finger at Moscow, which has brushed off the allegations.

Ms. Frederiksen told Danish broadcaster DR she could "not rule out" that Russia was behind the drone activity.

Moscow denied involvement, with Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov criticising her remarks as "unfounded accusations".

High-skilled migrants are 'key' for U.S. growth, warns OECD chief economist

Agence France-Presse
PARIS



Alvaro Santos Pereira

High-skilled migrants are vital for the U.S. economy, the OECD's chief economist said, after the U.S. imposed a $100,000 fee for H-1B visas widely used by the tech industry. Alvaro Pereira, who is leaving his post after being named governor of Portugal's central bank, spoke as the Paris-based organisation released an updated outlook for the world economy.

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, a 38-member grouping of wealthy nations, upgraded the forecast to 3.2% growth in 2025, up from 2.9% in its last report in June. The OECD said the economy "proved more resilient than anticipated" in the first half of the year as companies rushed to import goods before U.S. President Donald Trump's tariffs took effect.

It also raised the U.S. growth outlook from 1.6% to 1.8% but warned it was expected to slow as higher tariffs start to bite. The OECD said cuts in the U.S. federal workforce and Mr. Trump's crackdown on immigration would also soften growth.

He noted that the report was written before the new H-1B visa fee rule came into force. "We do think that continuing to attract high-skilled individuals from around the world is a key strength of the U.S. economy," Mr. Pereira said. "This will only become exacerbated with the AI boom, because basically there's significant labour shortages in the ICT (information and communication technology) sector."

H-1B visas allow companies to sponsor foreign workers with specialised skills – - such as scientists, engineers and computer programmers – to work in the U.S., initially for three years but extendable to six.

Such visas are widely used by the tech industry. Indian nationals account for nearly three-quarters of the permits allotted via lottery system each year.

In speech to UN, Trump accuses global body of 'not living up' to its potential

Associated Press
NEW YORK

Admonishing speech: Donald Trump addresses the General Assembly at the UN headquarters in New York on Tuesday. REUTERS

U.S. President Donald Trump returned to the United Nations on Tuesday to boast of his second-term foreign policy achievements and lash out at the world body as a feckless institution.

World leaders listened closely to his remarks at the UN General Assembly as Mr. Trump has already moved quickly to diminish U.S. support for the world body in his first eight months in office.

Mr. Trump escalated his criticism of the UN on Tuesday, saying its "empty words don't solve wars." "What is the purpose of the United Nations?" Mr. Trump said. "I have always said (the UN) has such tremendous, tremendous potential, but it's not even coming close to living up to that potential." Mr. Trump offered a weave of jarring juxtapositions in his address to the assembly.

He trumpeted himself as a peacemaker and enumerated successes of his administration's efforts in several hotspots around the globe. At the same, Mr. Trump heralded his decisions to order the U.S. military to carry out strikes on Iran and more recently against alleged drug smugglers from Venezuela and argued that globalists are on the verge of destroying successful nations.

The U.S. President's speech is typically among the most anticipated moments of the annual assembly.

Bangladesh seeks better economic ties with India's northeast, Nepal, Bhutan

Kallol Kanti Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Bangladesh needs to strengthen economic relations with "landlocked" Nepal, Bhutan as well as the northeastern States of India, said Chief Adviser to the interim government of Bangladesh, Muhammad Yunus, in a meeting with Sergio Gor, U.S. President Donald Trump's Ambassador-Designate for India and Special Envoy for South and Central Asia.

Mr. Yunus and Mr. Gor held talks on Monday, on the sidelines of the UNGA's annual session, about the prevailing situation in Bangladesh, including the prospects of election that is scheduled to be held in February 2026. He informed Mr. Gor that Dhaka has intensified the process to revive the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC). "The election will be held in February. It will be free, fair, and peaceful. The country is fully prepared," Mr. Yunus said, after the meeting.

"Additionally, he emphasised the importance of strengthening economic ties with landlocked Nepal and Bhutan, as well as with India's seven Northeastern states," said the Chief Adviser's press wing after the meeting. "We can accelerate our economic growth through closer regional cooperation," said Mr. Yunus. Mr. Yunus had described India's northeastern States as "landlocked" during the March-April visit to China when he called for greater economic ties between China and South Asia.

The Chief Adviser's office said the discussion with Mr. Gor, who is expected to arrive in New Delhi later this year, covered the situation in South Asia, including the Rohingya crisis. "The Chief Adviser sought continued U.S. support for more than one million Rohingya refugees currently residing in camps in Cox's Bazar. In response, U.S. officials said their life-saving aide for the Rohingyas would continue," said the Office of the Chief Adviser.

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STIFF BACK

Shreyas informs BCCI he is taking a break from red-ball cricket

FILE PHOTO: K. MURALI KUMAR

India batter Shreyas Iyer has informed the chairman of selectors Ajit Agarkar that he cannot take the rigours of red-ball cricket at this point owing to a stiff back, and also asked not to consider him for the home Test series against West Indies. Shreyas had pulled out of India-A's second four-day 'Test' against Australia-A at Lucknow.

BREACH OF OBLIGATIONS

ICC announces the suspension of USA Cricket's membership

REUTERS

The ICC on Tuesday announced the suspension of USA Cricket's membership with immediate effect, saying the decision has been taken after a "thorough review of affairs". In a media statement, the global governing body blamed USA Cricket for repeated and continued breaches of its obligations as an ICC member.

AUSTRALIA-BOUND

Stokes on track for Ashes opener; Brook appointed vice-captain

AP

England captain Ben Stokes is on track to be fit for the start of the Ashes against Australia. He will have a new vice-captain in Harry Brook. **The squad:** Stokes (Capt.), Archer, Atkinson, Bashir, Bethell, Brook, Carse, Crawley, Duckett, Jacks, Pope, Potts, Root, Smith, Tongue, and Wood.

THRILLERS

Titans get the better of Giants; Pink Panthers edge out U Mumba

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Telugu Titans defeated Gujarat Giants 30-29 in a close encounter in a PKL-12 match in Jaipur. Bharat Hooda's nine points, coupled with Vijay Malik's seven points, negated Mohammadreza Shadloui's super-sub performance to win. Jaipur Pink Panthers tied with U Mumba 38-38 before winning the Five Raids 6-4.

Men in Blue hold all the aces against upbeat Bangladesh

Suryakumar & Co. will look to continue their T20I supremacy over the neighbour; the Tigers' bowling unit runs into the in-form Abhishek; a trial by spin awaits Litton's men in crucial clash

ASIA CUP

Vivek Krishnan
DUBAI

A chance to take a firm step towards the Asia Cup final beckons when India takes on Bangladesh in a Super Four contest at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium on Wednesday. Both teams notched up victories in their opening encounters of this phase.

While Bangladesh sneaked past the Sri Lankans by four wickets in pursuit of 169 on Saturday, India hammered Pakistan by six wickets the following evening.

In theory, India has a distinct advantage going into this clash too. Akin to its primacy in T20I contests against Pakistan, it has a monopoly over its eastern neighbour as illustrated by 16 victories in 17 meetings. Bangladesh's only triumph came at Delhi's Arun Jaitley Stadium in 2019.

So far in the eight-team continental event, Suryakumar Yadav's men haven't really been put to the test.

In the bitterly-contested joust on Sunday, a stand of 72 runs between Sahibzada Farhan and Saim Ayub may have evoked a tinge of anxiety in the Indian camp, but the bowlers clawed their way back and kept Pakistan down to 171 for five.

The key breakthroughs of Farhan and Saim interestingly came from Shivam Dube, a sign that his endeavour in the nets towards becoming a better bowler is paying dividends.

In focus: Abhishek will look to sizzle again while Litton will aim to inspire his team. AP & AFP

"You could say Dube's spell was the turning point," Suryakumar observed after the win against Pakistan.

"He has been working really hard on his bowling in all the practice sessions. He has always wanted to bowl a minimum of two overs. He got his quota of four overs and he was very happy with the way he delivered. He has got clear plans."

Once the bowlers did their bit, Abhishek Sharma and Shubman Gill tore into the Pakistan attack in an opening partnership of 105 runs. While Gill's stroke-play is a mix of convention and calculated aggression, Abhishek's is all about merciless ball-striking.

For Bangladesh to effectively quell India's batting firepower, Mustafizur Rahman will have to sparkle. Although he has not kicked on in the Indian Premier League (IPL) after his initial success with Sunrisers Hyderabad in 2016, there can be no misgivings about the left-arm pacer's body of work for his national side. In Bangladesh's most recent appearances, against Sri Lanka and Afghanistan, the 30-year-old scalped successive three-wicket hauls.

With the bat, skipper Litton Das, Saif Hassan and Towhid Hridoy will have to show up. In the win against Sri Lanka, Hassan put together 59 runs with Litton in a second-wicket partnership, and added a further 44 with Hridoy to help Bangladesh keep up with the asking rate in a stiff chase.

"Every team has the ability to beat India," Bangladesh coach Phil Simmons proclaimed on the eve of the match. "The game is played on the day. It's not what India has done before. We will hope to force mistakes in India's armoury. That's the way we win games."

Barring the 2007 ODI World Cup, Bangladesh has never managed to throw a spanner in the works on big occasions. Will Wednesday prove any different?

The teams (from): India: Suryakumar Yadav (Capt.), Shubman Gill, Abhishek Sharma, Tilak Varma, Hardik Pandya, Shivam Dube, Axar Patel, Jitesh Sharma (wk), Jasprit Bumrah, Arshdeep Singh, Varun Chakaravarthy, Kuldeep Yadav, Sanju Samson (wk), Harshit Rana, Rinku Singh.

Bangladesh: Litton Das (Capt.), Tanzid Hasan, Jaker Ali (wk), Nurul Hasan (wk), Parvez Hossain Emon (wk), Towhid Hridoy, Mahedi Hasan, Saif Hassan, Mohammad Saifuddin, Nasum Ahmed, Rishad Hossain, Shamim Hossain, Tanzim Hasan Sakib, Mustafizur Rahman, Shoriful Islam, Taskin Ahmed.

Match starts at 8 p.m. IST.

'Samson the best man for the No. 5 slot'

Vivek Krishnan
DUBAI

There is often a fine balance to tread between demanding flexibility in a batting order and providing players comfort in a particular position. In the current Indian T20I line-up, it seems particularly important to let Sanju Samson know that the team management views him as an essential cog at No. 5.

Having been demoted down the order after Shubman Gill's recall at the start of the Asia Cup, Samson was pushed to No. 3 for the inconsequential game against Oman and hit a scratchy half-century before going back to No. 5 for the clash versus Pakistan. He made 13 off 17 balls before a heave across the line against Haris Rauf clattered his stumps.

Samson. AP

On the eve of the Super Four clash against Bangladesh, India assistant coach Ryan ten Doeschate provided reassurance to the 30-year-old. "Samson has had two decent chances and he's still figuring out how to play that role (at No. 5). The surface got a little bit tired in the Pakistan game. We're really looking for a No. 5. We believe Samson is the best man for that job, and we've got no doubt he'll figure out how to play that role in the future," ten Doeschate told reporters on Tuesday.

When the discussion veered to Jasprit Bumrah's rare off-day versus Pakistan, the Dutchman was asked whether the spearhead could be rested for one of India's remaining games in the Super Four given the emphasis on the management of his workload. He was given a break from the group fixture against Oman.

"It's very unlikely that you will go into the last Super Four game knowing you have qualified. So I'd say it is unlikely he'll get a rest. Also bearing in mind we have a Test match (against West Indies) starting on Thursday, so it's actually quite good preparation in terms of workload management," he said.

Today's match

SUPER 4s

Dubai, 8 p.m. IST

HEAD-TO-HEAD T20Is

Played: 17

India 16 | Bangladesh 1

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Talat-Nawaz duo guides Pakistan home

Dhruva Prasad
ABU DHABI

On an error-strewn day for specialist batters, the level-headedness of all-rounders Hussain Talat and Mohammad Nawaz saved the day as Pakistan clinched a nervy five-wicket win against Sri Lanka in a Asia Cup Super Four match at the Zayed Cricket Stadium here on Tuesday.

Talat and Nawaz joined forces with Pakistan struggling at 80 for five and blunted the Lankans by attacking their strike weapon, Wanindu Hasaranga. The leg-spinner had his tail up after bamboozling Saim Ayub and skipper Salman Agha with his googlies.

With Pakistan needing 47 from 42 balls with five wickets in hand, Nawaz collected consecutive fours in Hasaranga's third over. Talat added two more boundaries off Hasaranga's final over to deflate the Islanders.

All-round show: Talat picked up two wickets and remained unbeaten in a tricky chase. AP

Pakistan sealed the win with Nawaz smashing three sixes off Dushmantha Chameera in the 18th over and kept its campaign alive, leaving Sri Lanka at the mercy of other teams.

Earlier, after electing to bowl, Pakistan's pace trio of Shaheen Afridi, Faheem Ashraf and Haris Rauf utilised the bowling-friendly conditions to rock Sri Lanka early. With the ball holding in the surface, Talat's gentle medium pace also came in handy after the field spread, reducing Sri Lanka to 58 for five inside eight overs.

Afridi accounted for openers Kusal Mendis and Pathum Nissanka, while Rauf sent Kusal Perera back in the final over of the fielding restrictions. Talat's lack of pace was a blessing in disguise for Pakistan as it resulted in Charith Asalanka and Dasun Shanaka perishing off consecutive deliveries.

Kamindu Mendis and Hasaranga went into damage control mode, adding 22 runs off 28 balls, before the latter was bowled by Abrar Ahmed. Kamindu scratched around before reaching his half-century off 43 balls with a miscued pull, and that encapsulated Sri Lanka's innings, which never hit a higher gear.

The scores: Sri Lanka 133/8 in 20 overs (Kamindu Mendis 50, Shaheen Afridi 3/28) lost to Pakistan 138/5 in 18 overs (Hussain Talat 32 n.o., Mohammad Nawaz 38 n.o.); **Toss:** Pakistan. **PoM:** Talat.

Legendary Dickie Bird passes away aged 92

Associated Press
LONDON

Harold "Dickie" Bird, the charismatic and much-loved former cricket umpire from England who officiated in 66 Tests and three World Cup finals, has passed away. He was 92.

Bird's death was announced on Tuesday by English club Yorkshire, his home county where he was made president in 2014. Yorkshire said he died "peacefully" at his home. Yorkshire called Bird a "national treasure" who was "known not only for his umpiring excellence but also for his eccentricities and warmth."

"He leaves behind a legacy of sportsmanship, humility, and joy."

Bird's First Class playing career, which included spells with his beloved Yorkshire and Leicestershire, was cut short by injury at the age of 32, with an average of 20.71.

He went on to become arguably the world's most famous umpire, standing in an English County match for the first time in 1970 and his first Test three years later.

In 1975, Bird took charge of the inaugural men's Cricket World Cup final. At his final Test in 1996, a guard of honour by the players of England and India at Lord's reduced him to tears. "Dickie enjoyed an illustrious career as an umpire," the Lord's-based Marylebone Cricket Club said.

Dickie Bird. FILE PHOTO

The Bird who soared to great heights as an umpire

Ashwin Achal

Harold 'Dickie' Bird, who passed away on Tuesday, was destined for a life in sports. His father James Bird, having spent his life toiling hard as a coal miner in Barnsley, was not about to let his son follow that same tough path. "You will play sport for a living. You will not go down that coal mine like I did," James told a young Dickie.

And thus Bird laced up his football boots, playing alongside his close mate Tommy Taylor, who would go on to represent Manchester United and England.

A knee injury forced Bird to trade the tough tackles for cover drives. As a teenager turning out for Barnsley Cricket Club, Bird counted two more celebrities-in-waiting – television presenter Michael Parkinson and legendary England opener Geoffrey Boycott – as teammates.

Applauding greatness: Dickie Bird being given a guard of honour by the Indian team as he takes the field for his last Test as an umpire at Lord's in 1996. GETTY IMAGES

Bird went on to have a long run in the senior ranks – earning 93 First Class caps for Yorkshire and Leicestershire. It was towards the end of his playing career that he decided to give umpiring an honest shot.

Bird may not have reached the greatest of heights as a cricketer, but with the white coat on, his popularity was unmatched.

A firm, quirky umpire, Bird was loved and respected by players. He stood for tried and tested norms – as evidenced by his reluctance to give leg-before decisions unless the batter was absolutely plumb.

Bird was known to be an 'early bird'. For his first umpiring gig, Bird turned up to the ground even before the gates were opened!

Bird reached the very top of his profession, having officiated in three ODI World Cup finals (1975, 1979 and 1983).

Bird called time on his international umpiring career in 1996, in the India-England Test at Lord's. An emotional Bird was given a guard of honour by the players. The call of duty, however, came ever so quickly, as Bird raised his finger to adjudge Michael Atherton leg-before to Javagal Srinath in the very first over of the match.

INBRIEF

Teenager Ranveer leads in Andhra Pradesh amateur golf

Ranveer Mitroo found his rhythm and range on the back nine to take the lead on the opening day of the IGU Andhra Pradesh amateur golf championship at the East Point Golf Club in Visakhapatnam on Tuesday. The 16-year-old, playing his first full season on the circuit, shot a five-under 66 for a one-shot lead. Deepak Yadav and Puthuru Raj Kumar were tied second on four-under 67, one ahead of Sukhman Singh.

Leading scores: 66: Ranveer Mitroo; **67:** Deepak Yadav, Puthuru Raj Kumar; **68:** Sukhman Singh; **69:** Akash Kumar, Harman Sachdeva, Arkin Patil, Krish Chawla, Akshat Sharma, Arin Ahuja.

Madhya Pradesh piles the misery on Himachal Pradesh

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

Kumar Kartikeya (HP, 6/54).
FILE PHOTO: N. SUDARSHAN

Madhya Pradesh furthered Himachal Pradesh's misery, stretching its lead to a humongous 454 runs by stumps on day three of the semifinals of the Dr (Capt.) K. Thimmappiah Memorial tournament at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium on Tuesday.

After Kumar Kartikeya's six for 54 helped dismiss Himachal for 204 in the first innings, MP made 233 for one in the second essay, with Harsh Gawli unbeaten on 121 (208b, 10x4, 2x6).

In the other last-four clash, KSCA Secretary's XI staged a creditable comeback, reducing Goa to 168 for eight after having conceded a first-innings lead of 62. Abhishek Ahlawat scalped four wickets (4/63) and helped limit Goa's lead to 230 with a day's play left.

The scores (semifinals):

Goa 338 in 94.4 overs & 168/8 in 73 overs (Abhishek Ahlawat 4/63) vs. KSCA Secretary's XI 276 in 97.1 overs (Lochan S. Gowda 88, Kruthik Krishna 95)

Madhya Pradesh 425 in 141.2 overs & 233/1 in 66 overs (Harsh Gawli 121 batting, Yash Dubey 76) vs. Himachal Pradesh 204 in 57.2 overs (Siddhant Purohit 43, Akash Vashisht 49, Kumar Kartikeya 6/54).

LIVE TELECAST

Men's T20 Asia Cup: Bangladesh vs India, Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 8 p.m.

PKL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & JioHotstar, 8 p.m.

LaLiga: FanCode, 10.30 p.m. & 1 a.m.(Thursday)

Europa League: Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 10.15 p.m.; Sony Sports Ten 1, 2, 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 12.30 a.m. (Thursday)

Dembele, Bonmati crowned the best

The latter becomes only the third player in the award's history to win three in a row; Frenchman pips Barcelona's Yamal for the title; PSG and Arsenal claim the Club of the Year honours

BALLON D'OR

Associated Press
PARIS

Ousmane Dembele won the *Ballon d'Or* for leading Paris Saint-Germain to its first Champions League title, and Aitana Bonmati received the women's award for a third successive year.

Dembele succeeded Manchester City midfielder Rodri to become the sixth Frenchman to win it after Raymond Kopa, Michel Platini, Jean-Pierre Papin, Zinedine Zidane and Karim Benzema.

Bonmati is only the third player in the award's history to win three in a row after Platini (1983-85) and Lionel Messi (2009-12).

Glorious day: Bonmati and Dembele pose with the coveted Ballon d'Or award. AFP

The winners: Men's and Women's: Ballon d'Or: Ousmane Dembele & Aitana Bonmati. **Kopa Trophy (under-21):** Lamine Yamal & Vicky Lopez. **Yashin Trophy (goalkeeper):** Gianluigi Donnarumma & Hannah Hampton. **Johan Cruyff coaching award:** Luis Enrique & Sarina Wiegman. **Gerd Muller top-scorer honour:** Viktor Gyokeres & Ewa Pajor.

Club of the Year: Paris Saint-Germain & Arsenal.

Socrates award (humanitarian work): Xana Foundation.

It's ugly, but mock battles on field preferable to real ones off it

BETWEEN WICKETS
Suresh Menon

In his much-quoted essay *The Sporting Spirit*, George Orwell wrote, "Serious sport has nothing to do with fair play. It is bound up with hatred, jealousy, boastfulness, disregard for rules and sadistic pleasure in witnessing violence: in other words, it is war minus the shooting." Over the years, an India-Pakistan cricket match has been characterised as war minus the shooting, but seldom by the players, and rarely manifested on the field of play.

When cricket relations resumed after 17 years and India toured Pakistan in 1978, the teams were led by Bishan Bedi and Mushtaq Mohammed, two contemporary greats who played together for Northamptonshire in England. They were firm friends. Yet even in that atmosphere, Cambridge-educated Majid Khan was quoted as saying, "Pakistan is ready for a 1,000-year war with India". Those days there was no PR machinery that rushed to the aid of players to translate their plain English into palatable prose. No one attempted to interpret that to explain Majid meant "cricket war", since sports contests were seen as proxies for war.

Warm hospitality

Over the years, journalists from either country have returned to their own with stories of the warm reception they received and the generosity of their hosts. On the 1989-90 tour of Pakistan, when I expressed a desire to visit Mohenjo-daro, I was flown there as a guest, provided with a guide, and taken around. Perhaps the guide was a security person to ensure I didn't do anything his bosses wouldn't approve of. No matter, since my interest was historical, not political. On most tours, writers came back with stories of stores refusing to accept money if they bought anything.

It wasn't all sweetness and light, of course. In Faisalabad on that 1989-90 tour, there were megaphone-wielding speakers urging the public to come to the stadium and disrupt the matches. In Karachi, a one-dayer had to be called off owing to crowd disturbances.

But the sound and fury was orchestrated mainly by those around the matches rather than the players themselves, who were, and continue to be, friends.

And this is where the texture of this Asia Cup has been different. For one, the stadium hasn't been packed as usual, and it is the players (goaded by their administration) who have taken the lead in keeping the hostility alive, justified or not. The refusal to shake hands or to be seen fraternising with the opposition out of respect for those who fell in Pahalgam and in support of India's soldiers means that cricket has been forced to behave out of character because politicians don't want to make the tough decisions. This is in contrast to times when cricket was forced to play the role of peace missions and diplomacy. Cricket for Peace was the motto then.

At the Asia Cup, we are witnessing politics minus the war. Perhaps this is better than war thanks to politics. A Sahibzada Farhan pointing his bat like a gun in celebration of a half-century is a better alternative to actual guns pointed at anyone. Mock battles on the cricket field – however ugly they look and however unnecessary – are better than real action on the battlefield where lives, rather than cricket matches are lost.

The Indian team has shown greater maturity (apart from greater skill) by limiting their response to the kind of off-field sledging skipper Suryakumar Yadav indulged in when he said, "Stop calling India-Pakistan matches a rivalry-...it's a no-contest." He must hope his words don't come back to bite him at the end of the tournament.

If Pakistan make it to the final, and play India, the temptation to go one-up on the other might be strong. If the response to a handshake not given is a bat pointed like a gun or miming a plane being shot down (this, by Haris Rauf), will the Indian team be practising their mimes to make a point? The notion that sport stands for something beyond itself implies something positive – hope, peace, love – rather than the opposite. It is after all we who paint it in the colours we want.

Someday, an India-Pakistan cricket match will be a boring affair, with nothing memorable on field or off. Just another match, as players sometimes say. But when?

Suthar runs through the Australia-A middle-order

CRICKET

Sahil Mathur
LUCKNOW

Manav Suthar's usual modus operandi is to amble in diagonally and float the ball to seed doubt in the batter's mind. On Tuesday, though, the left-arm spinner bowled quicker through the air without losing his bite, and it worked just as well.

He claimed five wickets on the opening day of the second 'Test' between India-A and Australia-A at the Ekana Cricket Stadium to keep the visitor to 350 for nine despite Nathan McSweeney's 74 and Jack Edwards' counterpunching 78-ball 88.

Edwards, batting at No. 7, was the only one to dominate Suthar.

The 25-year-old struck a six over long-on and employed sweeps and reverse sweeps to keep the scoreboard moving. He punished Mohammed Siraj and raced to his fifty in 46 deliveries. Just short of a century, he miscued a leading edge off Gurnoor Brar to mid-off.

For others, Suthar was a handful on the mixed-soil pitch. He bowled Oliver Peake through the gate, had Cooper Connolly caught behind, and dismissed Josh Philippe for 39 with a return catch after being struck for three boundaries in an over.

Skipper Dhruv Jurel's move to place himself at leg-slip worked when Will Sutherland glanced straight to him, before Corey Rocchiccioli's miscued reverse slog sealed Suthar's five-for.

Suthar returned with a five-for after tweaking his bowling style slightly. UPCA

Australia-A captain McSweeney played a patient hand, compiling stands of 86 with Sam Konstas, 46 with Peake, and 52 with Philippe. He eventually fell to Brar for 74, pulling to mid-wicket. Konstas, after dominating in the previous match, was subdued for 49 as Siraj found his edge.

Earlier, Prasidh Krishna removed Campbell Kellaway cheaply, and alongside Siraj, kept the openers quiet with disciplined new-ball spells after opting to field.

But it was Suthar's sustained threat that shaped the day, leaving India-A with the upper hand despite Edwards' flourish.

The scores: Australia-A 350/9 in 84 overs (Sam Konstas 49, Nathan McSweeney 74, Jack Edwards 88, Manav Suthar 5/93) vs India-A; **Toss:** India-A.

Super Cup to kick off from Oct. 25 in Goa

FOOTBALL

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The season-opening Super Cup will kick off from October 25 in Goa, an official of the All India Football Federation (AIFF) said on Tuesday.

All the Indian Super League clubs except Odisha FC have agreed to take part in the tournament. The ISL clubs will be joined by four I-League teams – Inter Kashi, Real Kashmir, Gokulam Kerala FC and Rajasthan United.

The draw of the tournament will be held virtually on Thursday.

The Super Cup has normally been the season-ending tournament but due to the prevailing circumstances, it will open the season this time.

The AIFF has told the clubs that the winning team of the Super Cup will be awarded the AFC Champions League 2 play-off spot for the 2026-27 season.

But the winning team will have to possess the Premier 1 Licence under the Indian Club Licensing Regulations relevant for the 2026-27 season.

Gowtham and Neole emerge the fastest

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Bengaluru Rural's Gowtham (10.74s) and Neole Anna Corneilo of Bengaluru City (12.00s) hogged the limelight by winning the 100m event for men and women, with new meet records, on the first day of the athletic events in the State-level Dasara CM Cup sports meet at the Chamundivihar stadium here on Tuesday. Eight meet records, including three in the women's section, were set on the opening day.

In swimming, Bengaluru City swimmers dominated with nine golds, with Surya Jhoyappa and V. Hitaishi claiming two gold medals each.

Gowtham (Bengaluru Rural) and Neole (Bengaluru City).

The results (winners only): Athletics: Men: 100m: M. Gowtham (B'luru Rural) 10.74s (NMR, Old: Gagan L. Gowda, B'luru City, 10.85s, 2024); **1500m:** M.S. Ashrith (B'luru Rural) 3:57.93s (NMR, Old: Guruprasad, B'luru Rural, 4:02.28s, 2023); **400**m: Shrinath Dalvi (B'luru City) 47.78s (NMR, Old: Tushar Bhekane, B'luru City, 48.73s, 2024).

Discus: Nagendra Annappa Naik (Mysuru) 52.78m (NMR, Old: Md. Saqlain Ahmed, Mysuru, 50.52m, 2024); **high jump:** Sudeep (B'luru Rural) 2.00m (NMR, Old: B. Chethan, B'luru City, 1.95m, 2024); **javelin:** Sharukh Tarihal (B'luru City) 64.61m.

Women: 1500m: S.D. Sahina (Belagavi) 4:50.24s; **100m:** Neole Anna Corneilo (Bengaluru City) 12.00s (NMR, Old: Jyothika, 12.24s, Bengaluru City, 2024); **400m:** Shravani (Mysuru) 55.81s; **discus:** B. Sushma (Mysuru) 41.89m; **high jump:** S.B. Supriya (Mysuru) 1.71m (NMR, Old: M. Parvisha, 1.63m, Mysuru, 2024); **javelin:** Shravya (Mysuru) 45.53s (NMR, Old: Shaejhani, 40.40m, Mysuru, 2024).

Games: Men: Football: Mysuru bt Belagavi 4-0, Bengaluru City bt Kalburgi 1-0, Bengaluru Rural bt Belagavi 1-0, Bengaluru City drew with Mysuru 0-0. **Hockey:** Mysuru bt Kalburgi 6-1, Belagavi bt Bengaluru City 2-1, Mysuru bt Kalburgi 6-1. **Basketball:** Bengaluru City bt Belagavi 62-57. **Kho-kho:** Bengaluru City bt Belagavi 16-14, Mysuru bt Kalburgi 17-10.

Handball: Mysuru bt Kalburgi 18-12, Bengaluru Rural bt Belagavi 24-19. **Volleyball:** Belagavi bt Kalburgi 21-25,25-17, 25-16, 25-19. **Netball:** Bengaluru Rural bt Belagavi 34-29, Mysuru bt Kalburgi 47-3, Bengaluru Rural bt Bengaluru City 31-30. **Throwball:** Bengaluru City bt Kalburgi 25-9, 25-9.

Women: Hockey: Belagavi bt Bengaluru City 3-0, Mysuru bt Kalburgi 12-0. **Basketball:** Bengaluru City bt Belagavi 58-28, Mysuru bt Kalburgi 45-10. **Kho-kho:** Bengaluru City bt Belagavi 13-6, Mysuru bt Kalburgi 14-5. **Handball:** Mysuru bt Kalburgi 17-6.

Volleyball: Bengaluru City bt Kalburgi 25-15, 25-12, 25-17, Belagavi bt Bengaluru Rural 21-25, 25-17, 25-12, 25-18. **Netball:** Belagavi bt Bengaluru Rural 39-3. **Throwball:** Bengaluru City bt Kalburgi 25-16, 25-20, Bengaluru Rural bt Belagavi 25-20, 18-25, 25-23.

Napoli pips Pisa, returns to the top of Serie A

Associated Press
NAPLES

Napoli was made to work hard but it maintained a perfect start to the Serie A season with a 3-2 home win over Pisa on Monday, which took the holder clear atop the standings.

Billy Gilmour netted his first goal at senior club level to give Napoli a first-half lead but M'Bala Nzola's penalty on the hour drew Pisa level.

Leonardo Spinazzola and Lorenzo Lucca's goals looked to have wrapped up the win before Lorran's late goal for the visitors made for a nervy ending.

The result: Napoli 3 (Gilmour 39, Spinazzola 73, Lucca 82) bt Pisa 2 (Nzola 60-pen, Lorran 90).

KARNATAKA ROUND-UP

Karun named in Karnataka Ranji probables list

BENGALURU: Karun Nair, on Tuesday, was named in Karnataka's 37-man probables list for the 2025-26 Ranji Trophy.

The 33-year-old, who played for Vidarbha for two seasons and helped the side win the premier red-ball tournament in 2024-25, has returned to the State after three campaigns.

Also in Karnataka's roster is wicket-keeper Sharath Srinivas who had moved to Tripura last season.

The list: Mayank Agarwal, K.L. Rahul, Karun Nair, Devdutt Padikkal, R. Smaran, K.L. Shrijith, K.V. Aneesh, Abhinav Manohar, Nikin Jose, Prasidh Krishna, V. Vyshak, Vidwath Kaverappa, Shreyas Gopal, Macneil H. Noronhna, Vidyadhar Patil, Kruthik Krishna, Hardik Raj, Shikar Shetty, Mohsin Khan, Abhilash Shetty, Paras Gurbax Arya, K. Shashikumar, M. Venkatesh, Yashovardhan Parantap, Samarth Nagaraj, Madhav P. Bajaj, Shreesha S. Achar, Abhishek Ahlawat, Sharath Srinivas, Kishan S. Bedare, L. Manvanth Kumar, K.P. Karthikeya, Monish Reddy, Shubhang Hegde, Adhoksh Hegde, L.R. Kumar, B.R. Sharath.

Anand Katti to helm senior selection committee

Former Karnataka left-arm spinner Anand Katti will head the senior selection committee for the 2025-26 season, the Karnataka State Cricket Association announced on Tuesday.

Katti, who played 46 First Class matches and took 141 wickets, will take over from former all-rounder J. Abhiram, who was at the helm for two seasons.

The committees: Senior: Anand Katti (chairman), C. Raghu, Amit Verma, Tejpal Kothari; U-23: K.L. Ashwath (chairman), Amit Verma, Suneel Raju, S. Prakash; **junior:** P. Ramesh Rao (chairman), M.V. Prashanth, Udit Patel, K.M. Aiyappa, Raghuttam Navali; **senior women & U-23:** Sunitha Ananthakrishnan (chairperson), Aruna Reddy, Dr. Nivedita Reshme, Mukta R. Algeri; **junior women:** Sharmila Siddodhanam (chairperson), Ranjini Kumar, Saba Siddique.

Women T20 probables

Karnataka, on Tuesday, named a 30-member probables list for the BCCI Senior Women's T20 Trophy which begins on October 8.

The list: Shubha Satheesh, Vrinda Dinesh, Rajeshwari Gayakwad, Sahana S. Pawar, Shishira Gowda, Prathyoosha Kumar, Mithila Vinod, M. Pooja Kumari, Monica C. Patel, Niki Prasad, Roshini Kiran, Namita D' Souza, P. Saloni, Shreyanka R. Patil, Soumya Verma, Rameshwari Gayakwad, Sakshi Doijode, Aditi Rajesh, G.R. Prerana, Krishika Reddy, B.G. Tejashwini, Chandasi Krishnamurthy, Ananya Hegde, Reethu R. Gowda, Rachitha Hatwar, P. Rohitha Chowdry, Aditi Bakka, Advika D. Gowda, Nandhini Patil, R. Kavitha.

Improving Bangladesh will look to make it count in ODI showpiece

Skipper Nigar Sultana will be the key player even as the team hopes for other batters to step up and fire; the varied spin attack, comprising Nahida, Fahima, Rabeya and Shanjid, can trouble any opponent; the team begins its campaign against Pakistan

WC COUNTDOWN

Anirudh Velamuri

Featuring in just its second ICC Women's ODI World Cup, Bangladesh will hope to improve on its seventh place in the 2022 chapter.

Compared to teams like India, Australia and England, which have played close to 40 ODIs in this World Cup cycle, Bangladesh has featured only in 29 games, winning just 10 of them. A lone 3-0 whitewash of Ireland stands out in a period where Bangladesh has failed to win any other bilateral series.

While skipper Nigar Sultana Joty is the front and centre of this batting line-up, Bangladesh has also seen heartening contributions from Fargana Hoque (867 runs) and Sharmin Akter (614 runs). Sharmin and Nigar finished among the top run-getters at the World Cup Qualifiers, where the side finished second to seal a spot along with Pakistan. With no other batter averaging over 30 since last year, the outfit must find a way to build partnerships and steer clear of depending on individual flashes of brilliance as it navigates the quadrennial showpiece.

Bangladesh has a solid and diverse spin arsenal in Nahida Akter, Fahima Khatun and Rabeya Khan. However, the one to watch will be the left-arm spinner Shanjida Akther Maghla. If she can bring her T20I form (18 wickets from 20 matches) to the 50-over format, Bangladesh could give opponents a run for their money.

While there's plenty of experience in this side, its faith in youngsters like 17-year-old off-spinner Nishita Akter Nishi and 19-year-old batter Sumaiya Akter – talents from the U19 World Cup squad – is encouraging.

Having last played an ODI in April this year, Bangladesh will hope to shake off any ring rust quickly. Its campaign kicks off against Pakistan, the side it beat to register its maiden and only World Cup win.

The squad: Nigar Sultana Joty (Capt.), Nahida Akter, Fargana Hoque, Rubya Haider Jhelik, Sharmin Akter Supta, Sobhana Mostary, Ritu Moni, Shorna Akter, Fahima Khatun, Rabeya Khan, Marufa Akter, Fariha Islam Trisna, Shanjida Akther Maghla, Nishita Akter Nishi, and Sumaiya Akter.

Bangladesh's fixtures: Oct. 2: vs. Pakistan (Colombo); **Oct. 7:** England (Guwahati); **Oct. 10:** New Zealand (Guwahati); **Oct. 13:** South Africa (Visakhapatnam); **Oct. 16:** Australia (Visakhapatnam); **Oct. 20:** Sri Lanka (Navi Mumbai); **Oct. 26:** India (Navi Mumbai).

Captain Marvel: Nigar Sultana, as always, will look to lead Bangladesh from the front. GETTY IMAGES

Impact Player

Bangladesh has been unable to shed its reliance on skipper Nigar Sultana Joty. With 798 runs, she is the team's second-highest run scorer since 2022. Few others have her composure and perseverance when the going gets tough. Her added utility behind the stumps makes her one of the pillars of the side.

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The Tender information will be made available in AP e-procurement Portal from **24.09.2025, 18:00 Hrs**, Last date for Bid submission online is **01.10.2025, 16:00Hrs**.

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An Expression of Interest (EoI) is being requested to appoint a **Project Management Consultant (PMC)** for the development of transport services within the Sangli Miraj Kupwad Municipal Corporation area and its surrounding rural regions.

The detailed scope of work and other related information are available on the official website of the Municipal Corporation at ***www.mahatenders.gov.in*** Interested parties are requested to submit their rates as per the details provided on the website.

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Notification No.8121/OSMCL/2025 Date : 23.09.2025

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Online Bids through e-Tender portal (https://tendersodisha.gov.in) are invited from eligible bidders for supply, installation & commissioning of Equipment as per the particulars mentioned below:

Sl.	Bid Reference No.	Item Name	Bid Document Cost inclusive of GST (Rs.)
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Sl. No.	Particulars	Date and time	
1.	Date & time of release of bid	23/09/2025, 5 PM	
2.	Date & time of Pre-Bid Meeting	03/10/2025, 11.30 AM **Venue** : Conference Hall, Odisha State Medical Corporation Ltd., In front of Ram Mandir, Convent Square, Unit-III, Bhubaneswar	
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		10/10/2025, 3 PM	31/10/2025, 5 PM
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5.	Date of opening of Price Bid	To be informed to the qualified bidders	

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4.	Class of Contractor	:	
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		From	To	Technical Bid	Financial Bid
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